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Chapter 1: Introduction

This document provides information about installing, configuring, and using the Wavelink Avalanche Enabler for Symbol VRC 7900 and 8900 Windows CE devices.

This section provides the following information:

- Document assumptions
- Document conventions
- An overview of Avalanche Manager

Document Assumptions

This document assumes that the reader has the following:

- Familiarity with Symbol VRC 7900/8900 mobile devices and the Microsoft Windows CE operating system.
- Knowledge of wireless networks and wireless networking protocols.
- Knowledge of TCP/IP, including IP addressing, subnet masks, routing, BootP/DHCP, WINS, and DNS.
- Knowledge of Wavelink Avalanche Manager.

Document Conventions

The following section contains information about text-formatting conventions in this manual.

Table 1-1 lists the conventions that are used in this manual.

Convention	Description
<code>courier new</code>	Any time you interact directly with text-based user interface options, such as a button, or type specific information into an text box, such as a file pathname, that option appears in the <code>Courier New</code> text style. This text style is also used for keys that you press, filenames, directory locations, and status information. For example: Press <code>ENTER</code> . Click <code>OK</code> .
bold	Any time this document refers to a labelled user interface option, such as descriptions of the choices in a dialog box, that option appears in the Bold text style. Examples: Enable the DHCP checkbox. Access the TelnetCE Client Session menu.
<i>italics</i>	Italicized text is used to indicate the name of a window or dialog box. For example: The <i>Update Utility</i> dialog box. The <i>Profile Manager</i> dialog box.

Table 1-1: Text-Formatting Conventions

If you have questions about the terminology in this document, see *Glossary* on page 89.

About Avalanche Manager

This section provides an overview of Wavelink Avalanche Manager.

Avalanche Manager Overview

Avalanche Manager is a Microsoft Windows-based application that provides services that allow you to manage the wireless mobile devices in your network from a central console.

Avalanche Manager provides a GUI that allows you to view, configure, and manage the mobile devices in your network. Avalanche Manager also

provides you with the ability to install, configure, and remove software applications on mobile devices. You can perform all of these functions through a serial port connection or over the RF connection to the mobile device.

Avalanche Manager has two distinct components:

- Agent
- Management Console

Avalanche Agent

The Agent provides all of the functions of Avalanche Manager. Mobile devices communicate with the Agent, and the Agent maintains databases and stores other information about the mobile devices with which it communicates.

Avalanche Management Console

The Management Console is the GUI that allows you to communicate with and configure the Agent. You use the Management Console to configure information that you want the Agent to deploy to mobile devices. For example, you use the Management Console to configure the network settings for a particular mobile device. Once you have configured the network settings, the Agent communicates with and deploys the network settings to the mobile device.

The Agent and the Management Console are two distinct components that you may install on different host systems. A mobile device can only ever report to one Agent, but you may connect and configure an Agent with multiple Management Consoles.

Figure 1-1 provides a diagram of different Avalanche Manager deployment strategies.

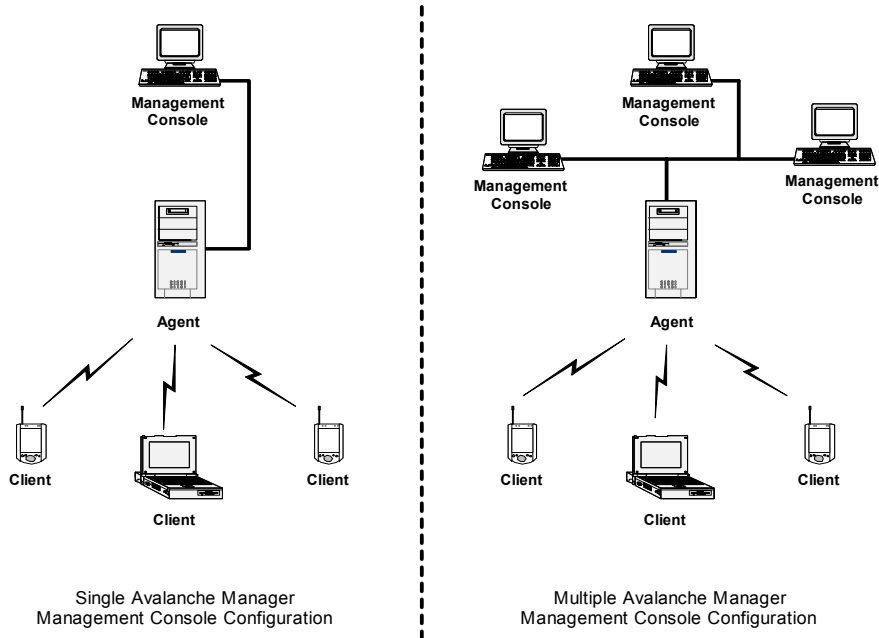


Figure 1-1. *Avalanche Manager Deployments*

About the Avalanche Enabler

This section provides information about the Avalanche Enabler.

Avalanche Enabler Overview

The Avalanche Enabler is a software component that is installed on mobile devices, which allows the mobile device to communicate with Avalanche Agents. To manage a mobile device with Avalanche Manager, you must first install the Avalanche Enabler on the mobile device.

You can use the following methods to install the Avalanche Enabler to mobile units:

- Avalanche Enabler Installation Utility (using Microsoft ActiveSync)
- CAB-file installation (using FTP)

The Microsoft ActiveSync installation requires a serial connection to the mobile unit from a Microsoft Windows 9x/ME/NT/2000/XP host system. You create a Microsoft ActiveSync connection to the mobile unit and download the Enabler files through the serial connection.

The CAB file installation allows the mobile unit to connect to an FTP server to retrieve the Enabler installation files. The Enabler installation files are bundled as a self-extracting executable file that you place on an FTP server. After you have downloaded the Enabler-installation executable to the mobile unit, launch the executable to automatically install the Enabler on the mobile unit.

The Avalanche Enabler consists of two components:

- Avalanche Monitor
- Avalanche Update Utility

Avalanche Monitor

The Monitor is the component of the Avalanche Enabler that facilitates communication with the Agent. The Monitor is responsible for querying the Agent to see if any updates (configuration changes, applications, and so forth) should be downloaded from the Agent.

You can configure the Monitor to communicate with the Agent when the mobile device boots and at periodic intervals.

Avalanche Update Utility

The Avalanche Update Utility provides the user interface to the Enabler, and allows you to perform the following tasks:

- Configure the network settings (ESS ID, IP address, subnet mask, gateway, Avalanche Manager IP address, static WEP, etc.) for the mobile device.
- Configure the Monitor settings (i.e., when and how Monitor communicates with the Agent).
- View and launch applications that have been installed on the mobile device through Avalanche Manager.
- View communication between the mobile device and the Agent.

- View Enabler version information.

Chapter 2: Installation

This section contains the following information:

- Installation requirements for the Avalanche Enabler.
- Installing Avalanche Enabler using Microsoft ActiveSync.
- Installing Avalanche Enabler using FTP.
- Uninstalling Avalanche Enabler from mobile devices.
- Uninstalling the Avalanche Enabler installation utility.

Installation Requirements

This section provides information about the installation requirements for the Enabler. The requirements for the Microsoft ActiveSync installation method and the CAB-file installation method are listed. The installation requirements list the requirements for the host system and the mobile device.

Microsoft ActiveSync Installation Requirements

This section provides installation requirements for users that will use a Microsoft ActiveSync connection to deploy the Enabler to mobile units.

The host system requires the following:

- Microsoft Windows 9x/ME/NT/XP
- Microsoft ActiveSync 3.6 (or better)
- RS232 serial port
- 10 MB hard disk space for installation utility

The CE device on which you will install the Enabler requires the following:

- 500 KB Flash memory

You will also need to obtain the following equipment to perform the installation:

- DB-9-to-SIN-7 serial cable (also called the ActiveSync cable)

FTP Installation Requirements

This section provides a list of requirements for users that will use FTP to deploy the Enabler to mobile units.

The host system requires the following:

- FTP server
- 500 KB hard disk space
- IP connectivity to mobile devices to which the Enabler will be deployed

The CE device on which you will install the Enabler requires the following:

- IP connectivity to the FTP server
- Windows Pocket Internet Explorer (installed by default on Microsoft Window CE devices)
- 500 KB Flash memory

Microsoft ActiveSync Installation

The following section provides information about using Microsoft ActiveSync to install the Avalanche Enabler.

Installation Overview

The following tasks provide an overview of the installation process:

- 1 Obtain the Avalanche Enabler installation utility self-extracting executable (wle_s7989_ce30_all_2xxxx_us_n.exe) from the Wavelink Corporation Web site.

NOTE Access the download area at www.wavelink.com/downloads.

- 2 Install the installation utility on the host system.

- 3 Connect the host system to the mobile device with the appropriate serial cable, and create a Microsoft ActiveSync partnership between the host system and the mobile device.

NOTE For information about creating a Microsoft ActiveSync partnership, see *Appendix A: Using Microsoft ActiveSync* on page 37.

- 4 Use the installation utility to configure and deploy the Avalanche Enabler to the mobile device.

Installing the Avalanche Enabler Installation Utility

The `wle_s7989_ce30_all_2xxxx_us_n.exe` file that you downloaded from the Wavelink Corporation Web site installs the installation utility on the host system.

The installation utility allows you to use Microsoft ActiveSync to deploy the Avalanche Enabler to a mobile device through a serial port connection. You can also use the installation utility to deploy Enabler configurations to mobile devices.

To install the Avalanche Enabler installation utility on the mobile unit:

- 1 Obtain the VRC 7900/8900 Enabler installation utility executable (`wle_s7989_ce30_all_2xxxx_us_n.exe`) from the Wavelink Corporation Web site.

NOTE You can download the installation utility at www.wavelink.com/downloads. Before you can download the installation utility, you will need to register with Wavelink Corporation. Registration is free. Use the menus on the web page to navigate to the Symbol VRC 7900/8900 download section.

- 2 Place the Enabler installation utility EXE file on the host system.
- 3 On the host system, double-click the EXE file to launch the Avalanche Enabler installation utility setup wizard.

The *Welcome* dialog box appears.

- 4 Click **Next**.

The *Choose Destination Location* dialog box appears.

- 5 Accept the default installation directory or use the `Browse . . .` button to select an alternate installation directory.
- 6 Click `Next`.

The *Select Program Folder* dialog box appears.

- 7 Accept the default Program Folder name or type a new name in the **Program Folders** text box.

NOTE The Program Folder name is the name of the folder in which the installation utility will appear in the Programs group of the Windows **Start** menu.

- 8 Click `Next`.

The installation begins. A progress bar displays the progress of the installation.

After the installation is complete, the *Question* dialog box appears and asks if you want to add a shortcut to the Enabler installation utility to the desktop.

- 9 Determine whether you want to add a shortcut to the Enabler installation utility to the desktop:

Click `Yes` to create a shortcut on the desktop.

Click `No` to prevent the setup wizard from creating a shortcut on the desktop.

Figure 2-1 shows the shortcut to the Enabler installation utility.



Figure 2-1. *Enabler Installation Utility Shortcut Icon*

The *Setup Complete* dialog box appears.

- 10** If you want to launch the VRC 7900/8900 installation utility, enable the **Launch VRC7900 and VRC8900 Avalanche Enabler** check box.

- 11** Click **Finish**.

Installing the Avalanche Enabler

Now that you have installed the VRC 7900/8900 installation utility on the host system, you can use Microsoft ActiveSync to deploy the Enabler and Enabler configurations to mobile units.

To install the Avalanche Enabler on the mobile device:

- 1** Ensure that you have an active Microsoft ActiveSync connection between the host system and the mobile device.

NOTE For more information on creating Microsoft ActiveSync connections, see *Appendix A: Using Microsoft ActiveSync* on page 37.

- 2** On the host system, launch the VRC 7900/8900 Avalanche Enabler installation utility.

The *Wavelink Product Configuration - VRC* dialog box appears, as shown in Figure 2-2.



Figure 2-2. *Wavelink Product Configuration - VRC Dialog Box*

- 3 In the Installation section of the *Wavelink Product Configuration - VRC* dialog box, click *Application Only*.

NOTE Clicking the *Application Only* button installs only the Enabler to the mobile device. To install the Enabler with a configuration to the mobile device, you must first click the *Enabler Settings* button to configure the Enabler settings that you want to deploy to the mobile device. *Configuring the Avalanche Enabler* on page 19 provides information about using the installation utility to create and download an Enabler configuration to the mobile device.

The *Installing Applications* dialog box appears, as shown in Figure 2-3.

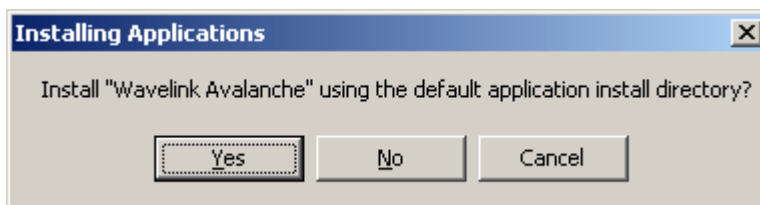


Figure 2-3. *Installing Application Dialog Box*

4 Click **Yes**.

The *Installing Applications* dialog box displays the progress of the installation of the Enabler to the mobile device.

On the mobile device, a dialog box appears that indicates that the Enabler is being installed.

After the Enabler installation is complete, a shortcut to the Avalanche Enabler, as shown in Figure 2-4, appears on the desktop of the mobile device.



Figure 2-4. *Avalanche Enabler Shortcut*

After the installation process is complete, the *Application Downloading Complete* dialog box appears on the host system.

5 Click **OK**.

6 Close the *Wavelink Product Configuration - VRC* dialog box.

Uninstalling the Avalanche Enabler Installation Utility

This section provides information about removing the Avalanche Enabler installation utility from the host system.

To remove the Avalanche Enabler installation utility from the host system:

- 1 From the Windows **Start** menu on the host system, select **Settings > Control Panel**.
- 2 In Control Panel, double-click **Add/Remove Programs**.

The *Add/Remove Programs* window appears.

- 3 From the list of applications that are installed on the host system, select **Avalanche Enabler - VRC 7900 and 8900**, as shown in Figure 2-5.

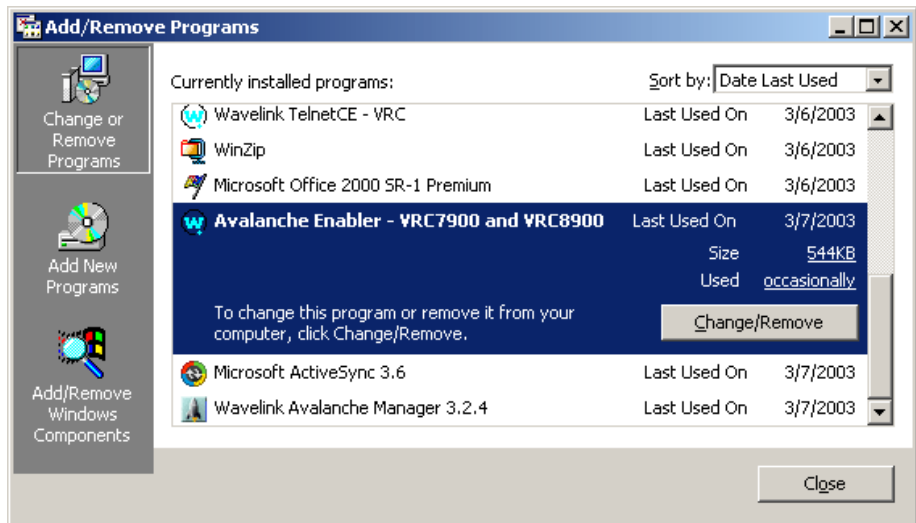


Figure 2-5. Uninstalling the Avalanche Enabler Installation Utility

- 4 Click **Change/Remove**.

The *Confirm File Deletion* dialog box appears.

- 5 Click **Yes**.

The *Remove Programs From Your Computer* dialog box displays the status and results of the uninstall.

- 6 Click **OK**.

- 7 Close the *Add/Remove Programs* window.

FTP Installation

This section provides information about installing the Avalanche Enabler to VRC 7900/8900 devices using FTP.

The FTP method of installing the Enabler does not allow you to install Enabler configurations and instead requires you to manually configure the Enabler at the mobile device.

Installation Overview

The following list describes the tasks that are required to use FTP to install the Enabler:

- 1 Obtain the Enabler CAB file (wle_s7989_ce30_8b_2xxxx.cab) from the Wavelink Corporation Web site.
- 2 Place the CAB file on an FTP server in a directory that users at the mobile device can access.
- 3 Use Windows Pocket Internet Explorer on the mobile device to connect to the FTP server and download the CAB file to the mobile device.
- 4 Run the CAB file to install the Enabler on the mobile device.

Installing the Avalanche Enabler

The following section lists the steps that are required to use FTP to install the Avalanche Enabler on mobile devices.

To use FTP to install the Avalanche Enabler to mobile devices:

- 1 Obtain the Enabler CAB installation file (wle_s7989_ce30_8b_2xxxx.cab) from the Wavelink Corporation Web site.

NOTE Navigate to www.wavelink.com/downloads to access the download section of the Wavelink Corporation Web site. You will need to register with Wavelink Corporation before you can download any of the products. Registration is free. After you register, use the menus on the Web page to navigate to the Symbol VRC 7900/8900 download area and select to download the Enabler CAB file.

- 2 Place the CAB file on an FTP server.
- 3 Ensure that the mobile devices on which you want to install the Enabler have a valid connection to the FTP server.
- 4 On the mobile device, launch Microsoft Pocket Internet Explorer.
- 5 In Microsoft Pocket Internet Explorer, type the path to the CAB file, using the following format:

`ftp://[username]:[password]@[host]/[path]`

where:

- [username] is the FTP login
- [password] is the password for the FTP login
- [host] is either the host name of the FTP server or the IP address of the FTP server
- [path] is the path (including the file name) to the CAB file

Figure 2-6 provides an example.



Figure 2-6. Downloading the CAB File from an FTP Server

NOTE If you have enabled anonymous logins on the FTP server, you do not need to provide a user name and password, and you may use the following format: `ftp://[host]/[path]`.

NOTE You can use Microsoft Pocket Word to create the path. To create symbols that are not available on the external keyboard of the mobile device, access the Microsoft Pocket Word **Tools** window and select **Insert Symbol...**

- 6 Press the **Enter** key to submit the FTP request.

Microsoft Pocket Internet Explorer displays a message about the file that you are about to download.

- 7 Click **Yes**.

The *Save As* dialog box appears.

- 8 Click **OK** to save the CAB file to the default location, which is the My Documents folder.

The CAB file is downloaded and saved to the mobile device.

- 9 Move the CAB file to the desktop of the mobile device.

NOTE Windows CE will not allow you to run the CAB file from the My Documents folder.

- 10 Double-click the CAB file to begin the installation process.

The *Install Wavelink Avalanche* dialog box appears.

- 11 Click **OK** to select the default installation directory.

The *Installing Wavelink Avalanche* dialog box appears and displays the progress of the installation of the Enabler, as shown in Figure 2-7.

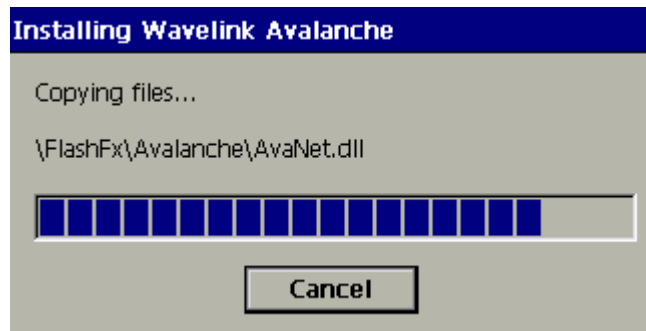


Figure 2-7. *Installing Wavelink Avalanche Dialog Box*

The installation program creates a shortcut to the Enabler, as shown in Figure 2-8, on the desktop of the mobile device.



Figure 2-8. *Avalanche Enabler Shortcut Icon*

After the installation of the Enabler is complete, the *Installing Wavelink Avalanche* dialog box closes.

NOTE Because the FTP method of installing the Avalanche Enabler does not allow you to download a configuration file to the mobile device, you will need to manually configure the Enabler at the mobile device. For information on manually configuring the Enabler, see *Manually Configuring the Avalanche Enabler* on page 29.

Uninstalling the Avalanche Enabler

This section provides steps to uninstall the Avalanche Enabler from a mobile device.

To remove the Avalanche Enabler from a mobile device:

- 1 Wavelink Corporation recommends that you clear the Flash memory to remove the Enabler from the mobile device.

Chapter 3: Configuration

This section covers the following topics:

- Configuring the Avalanche Enabler.
- Manually configuring the Avalanche Enabler.

Configuring the Avalanche Enabler

The Avalanche Enabler installation utility allows you to configure settings that control how the Enabler operates on the mobile device.

When you use the installation utility to modify or configuration Enabler settings, the installation utility creates a configuration file that you can then download to the mobile device. The Enabler on the mobile device reads the information from the configuration file to determine its settings.

Configuration Overview

The following list outlines the tasks that are required to configure the Avalanche Enabler:

- 1 Use the Avalanche Enabler installation utility on the host system to create an Enabler configuration.
- 2 Use Microsoft ActiveSync to download the configuration file to the mobile device.

Configuring Enabler Settings

This section describes how to use the Avalanche Enabler installation utility to configure Enabler settings for the mobile device.

To configure Avalanche Enabler settings:

- 1 On the host system, launch the Avalanche Enabler installation utility.

The *Wavelink Product Configuration - VRC* dialog box appears, as shown in Figure 3-1.

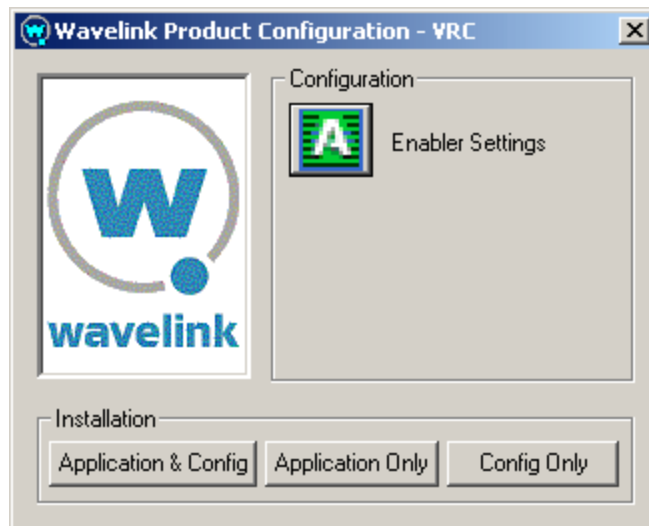


Figure 3-1. *Wavelink Product Configuration - VRC Dialog Box*

- 2** Click the **Enabler Settings** icon.

The *Avalanche Update Settings* dialog box appears, as shown in Figure 3-2.

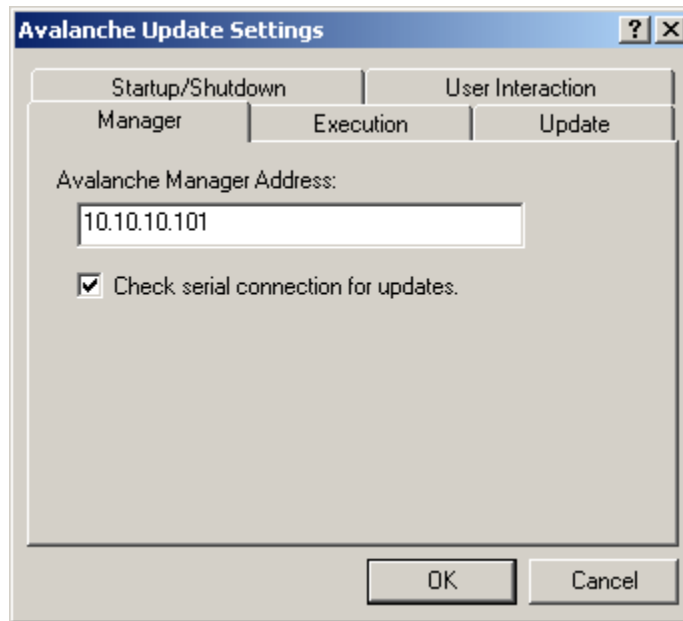


Figure 3-2. *Avalanche Update Settings Dialog Box*

- 3 Use the tabs in the *Avalanche Update Settings* dialog box to configure the settings for the Enabler.

NOTE For information on the parameters in the tabs of the *Avalanche Update Settings* dialog box, see *Avalanche Enabler Settings* on page 22.

- 4 After you have configured the Enabler settings, click **OK**.

The new configuration is saved and the *Avalanche Update Settings* dialog box closes.

- 5 Use the Avalanche Enabler installation utility and Microsoft ActiveSync to download the new configuration to the mobile device.

NOTE For information about downloading configurations to mobile devices, see *Downloading Configurations* on page 28.

Avalanche Enabler Settings

This section provides descriptions of the options in the *Avalanche Update Settings* dialog box.

Manager Settings

Figure 3-3 shows the Manager tab in the *Avalanche Update Settings* dialog box.

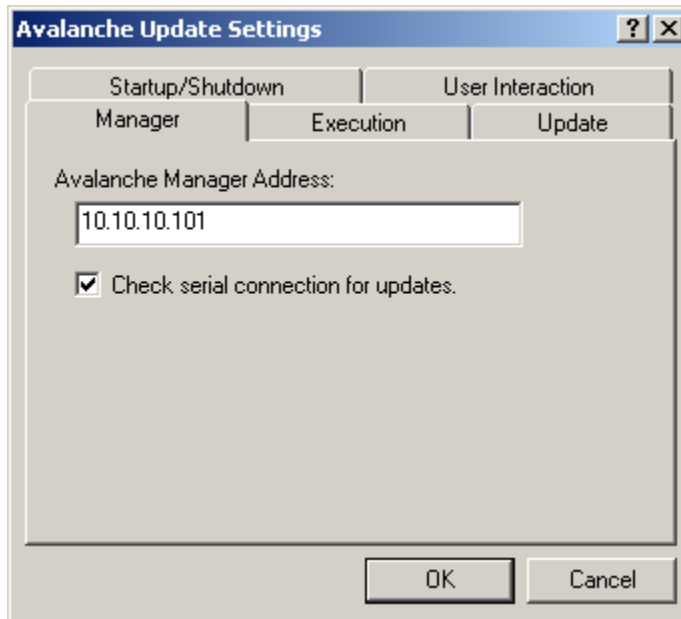


Figure 3-3. *Avalanche Update Settings Manager Tab*

The following list describes the parameters in the Manager tab:

- | | |
|--|---|
| Avalanche Manager Address | Specifies the IP address of the Agent with which the client communicates to obtain updates. |
| Check serial connection for updates | Determines whether the client first sends update queries to agents through its serial ports. If you do not enable this checkbox, the mobile device will use only the RF connection to communicate with the Agent. |

Execution Settings

Figure 3-4 shows the Execution tab in the *Avalanche Update Settings* dialog box.

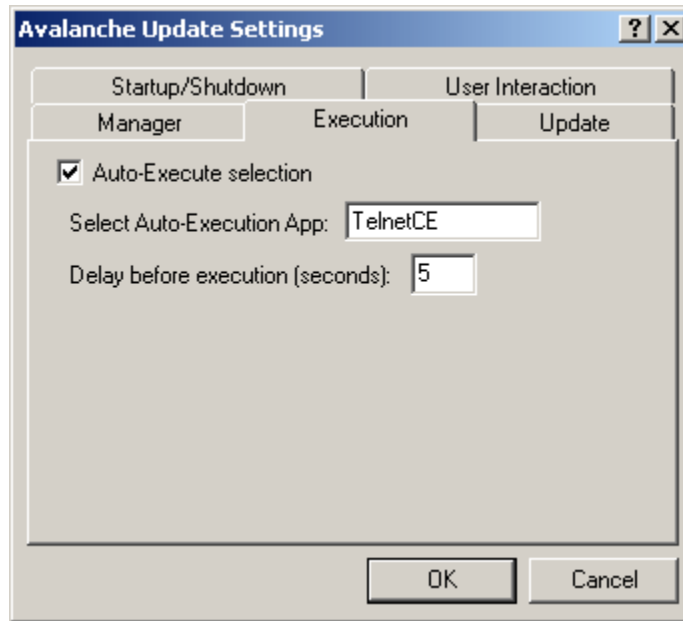


Figure 3-4. *Avalanche Update Settings Execution Tab*

The following list describes the components of the Execution tab:

- | | |
|---|--|
| Auto-Execute selection | Indicates whether to automatically launch an application when the Avalanche Update Utility is launched on the client. |
| Select Auto-Execution App | If you enabled the Auto-Execute selection checkbox, this text box specifies the name of the application that you want to auto-execute. Only applications that you have installed to the client through the Avalanche Enabler are available for auto-execution. |
| Delay before execution (seconds) | If you enabled the Auto-Execute selection checkbox, this text box specifies the number of seconds after the launch of the Avalanche Update Utility on the client before the specified application is launched |

Update Settings

Figure 3-5 shows the Update tab in the *Avalanche Update Settings* dialog box.

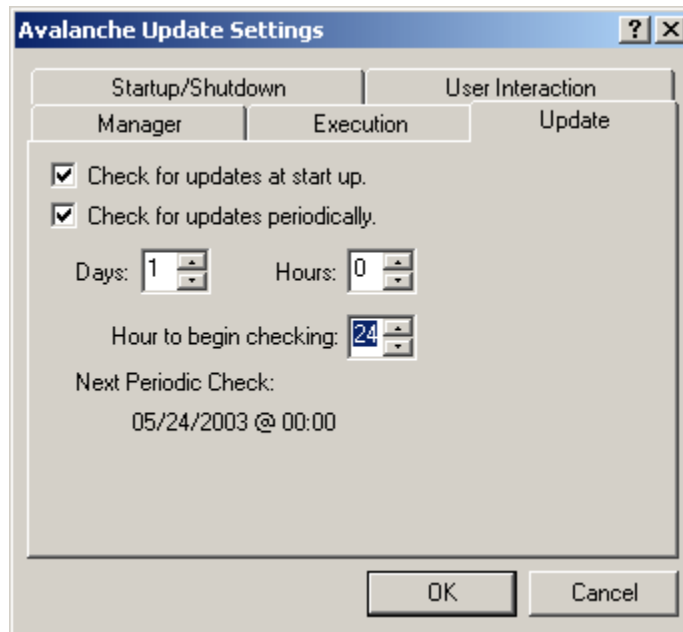


Figure 3-5. *Avalanche Update Settings Update Tab*

The following list describes the options in the Update tab:

- | | |
|---------------------------------------|--|
| Check for updates at startup | Indicates whether the mobile device queries the Agent for updates when you launch the Avalanche Update Utility. Enable this checkbox to check for updates. |
| Check for updates periodically | Indicates whether the Avalanche Monitor queries the Agent for updates periodically. |
| Days/Hours | If you enabled the Check for updates periodically checkbox, select the amount of time (in days and hours) between queries. |

Hour to begin checking If you enabled the **Check for updates periodically** checkbox, then specify the number of hours after the Avalanche Monitor launches before it begins periodically querying the Agent.

Next Periodic Check Indicates the time of the next periodic query.

User Interaction Settings

Figure 3-6 shows the User Interaction tab of the *Avalanche Update Settings* dialog box.

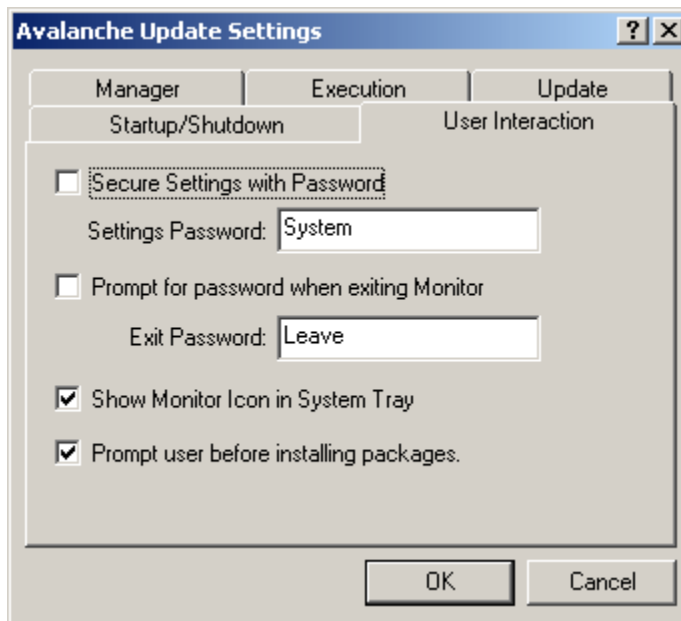


Figure 3-6. *Avalanche Update Settings User Interaction Tab*

The following list describes the components of the User Interaction tab:

Secure Settings with Password	Enables or disables password-protection of the Enabler settings at the mobile device (i.e., the Avalanche Update Utility prompts the user for a password before allowing access to Enabler settings).
Settings Password	Specifies the password to protect the Enabler settings.
Prompt for password when exiting Monitor	Indicates whether users of the mobile device must supply a password before they can shut down the Avalanche Monitor application.
Exit Password	Specifies the password to enable users to exit the Monitor.
Show Monitor Icon in System Tray	Indicates whether an Avalanche Monitor icon is placed in the system tray of the client.
Prompt user before installing packages	Indicates whether the Enabler prompts the user of the mobile device before installing Avalanche software packages. The user has the option to install the package immediately or wait to install the package later. If you do not enable this checkbox, then Avalanche performs “silent installs” of software packages, where the user does not have the option to cancel out of installations.

Startup/Shutdown Settings

Figure 3-7 shows the Startup/Shutdown tab in the *Avalanche Update Settings* dialog box.

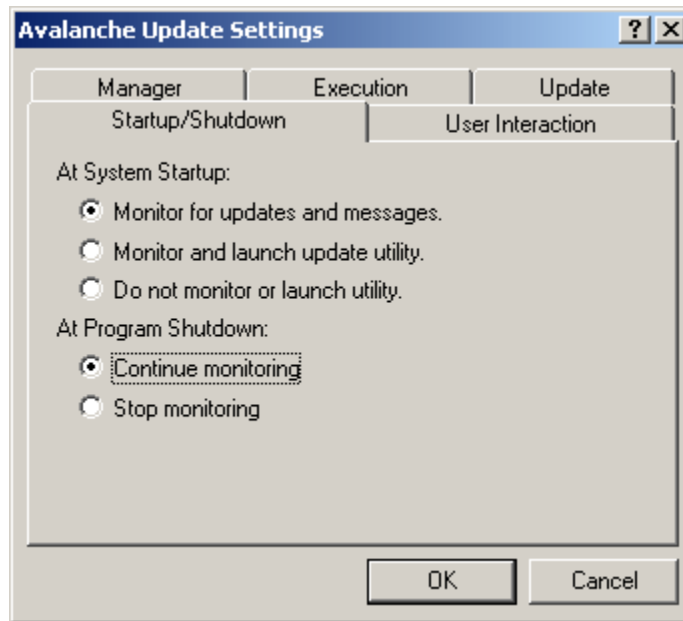


Figure 3-7. *Avalanche Update Settings Startup/Shutdown Tab*

The Startup/Shutdown tab contains the following options:

- | | |
|--|--|
| Monitor for updates and messages (At System Startup) | Launches the Avalanche Monitor when the mobile device boots. |
| Monitor and launch update utility (At System Startup) | Launches the Avalanche Monitor and the Avalanche Update Utility when the mobile device boots. |
| Do not monitor or launch update utility (At System Startup) | Prevents the mobile device from launching the Avalanche Monitor and the Avalanche Update Utility when it boots. |
| Continue Monitoring (At Program Shutdown) | Instructs the mobile device to continue running the Avalanche Monitor when the Avalanche Update Utility is terminated. |
| Stop Monitoring (At Program Shutdown) | Instructs the mobile device to stop running the Avalanche Monitor when the Avalanche Update Utility is terminated. |

Downloading Configurations

After you have configured the Enabler settings, you must download the configuration to the mobile device.

To download the configuration to the mobile device:

- 1 Connect the host system to the mobile device with the correct serial cable.
- 2 Ensure that you have an active Microsoft ActiveSync connection between the host system and the mobile device.

NOTE For more information about configuring Microsoft ActiveSync partnerships, see *Appendix A: Using Microsoft ActiveSync* on page 37.

- 3 On the host system, launch the Avalanche Enabler installation utility.

The *Wavelink Product Configuration - VRC* dialog box appears.

- 4 Click **Config Only**.

The configuration downloads to the mobile device.

After the configuration downloads, a message box appears that indicates the installation was successful, as shown in Figure 3-8.



Figure 3-8. *Installation Complete Message Box*

- 5 Click **OK**.
- 6 Close the *Wavelink Product Configuration - VRC* dialog box.

NOTE Click **Application & Config** in the installation utility to install the Enabler and the configuration file to the mobile device. After you receive confirmation that the Enabler is installed successfully, check to make sure

that the installation process is complete on the mobile device. Wait until the installation process is complete on the mobile device before you authorize the installation utility to install the configuration.

Manually Configuring the Avalanche Enabler

This section provides information about manually configuring the Avalanche Enabler.

Configuring the Enabler

A user at the mobile device can manually configure Enabler settings.

To manually configure Enabler settings:

- 1 On the mobile device, double-click the **Avalanche** icon to launch the Avalanche Update Utility.
- 2 From the Avalanche Update Utility **File** menu, select *Settings*.

If you have password-protected the Enabler settings, the *Input Setup Password* dialog box appears.

- 3 Type the password.

NOTE The default password setting is “system”.

- 4 Click **OK**.

The *Avalanche Update Settings* dialog box appears, as shown in Figure 3-9.

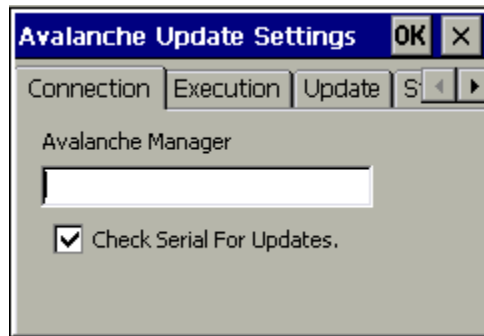


Figure 3-9. *Avalanche Update Settings Dialog Box*

- 5 Use the tabs in the *Avalanche Update Settings* dialog box to configure the Enabler settings.

NOTE For more information about the parameters in the tabs of the *Avalanche Update Settings* dialog box, see *Enabler Settings* on page 30.

- 6 After you configure the settings, click **OK**.

The settings are saved and the *Avalanche Update Settings* dialog box closes.

NOTE If you change any of the IP settings, you will be prompted to reboot the mobile device. To implement the IP changes, you must reboot the mobile device.

Enabler Settings

This section contains information about the options in the *Avalanche Update Settings* dialog box that appear on the mobile device.

Connection Settings

Use the Connection tab to configure Agent settings for the mobile device.

Figure 3-10 shows the Connection tab.

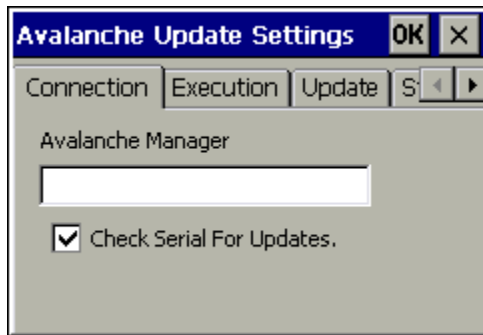


Figure 3-10. *Avalanche Update Settings Connection Tab*

The following table describes the options in the Connection tab:

Avalanche Manager	Specifies the IP address of the Agent from which the mobile device obtains updates.
Check Serial For Updates	Indicates whether the mobile device first queries the Agent through a serial port connection.

Execution Settings

Use the Execution tab to configure the Enabler to launch a specific application whenever the Avalanche Update Utility is launched on the mobile device.

Figure 3-11 shows the Execution tab.

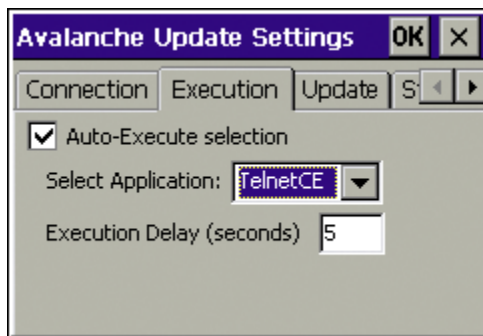


Figure 3-11. *Avalanche Update Settings Execution Tab*

The following table describes the options in the Execution tab:

Auto-Execute selection	Enables or disables the option to launch an application whenever the Avalanche Update Utility launches on the mobile device. The application that you want to auto-execute must be installed to the mobile device through Avalanche Manager.
Select Application	Determines the name of the application that you want to auto-execute.
Execution Delay (seconds)	Specifies the number of seconds the Avalanche Update Utility waits before launching the selected application.

Update Settings

Use the Update tab to configure when the Monitor component of the Enabler queries the Agent for updates.

Figure 3-12 shows the Update tab.

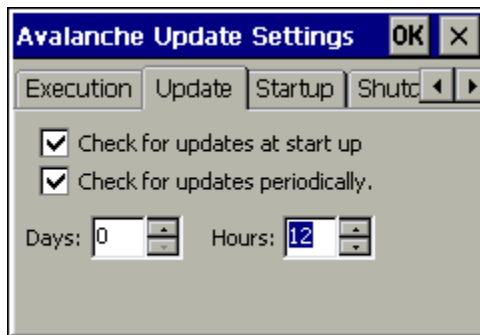


Figure 3-12. *Avalanche Update Settings Update Tab*

The following table describes the options in the Update tab:

Check for updates at start up	Indicates whether the mobile device queries the Agent for updates when it boots.
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Check for updates periodically	Indicates whether the mobile device queries the Agent for updates periodically.
Days/Hours	If you enabled the Check for update periodically checkbox, this option specifies the amount of time between the periodic checks.

Startup Settings

Use the Startup tab to configure the behavior of the Enabler when the mobile device boots.

Figure 3-13 shows the Startup tab.

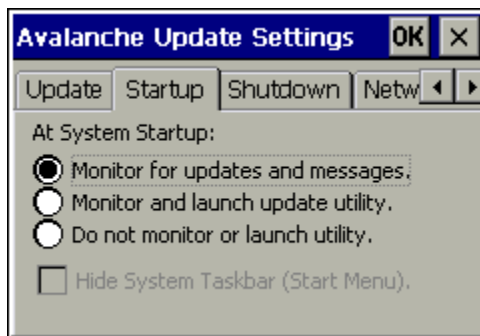


Figure 3-13. *Avalanche Update Settings Startup Tab*

The following list describes the options in the Startup tab:

Monitor for updates and messages	Launches the Monitor when the mobile device boots.
Monitor and launch update utility	Launches the Monitor and the Avalanche Update Utility when the mobile device boots.
Do not monitor or launch utility	Prevents the Monitor and the Avalanche Update Utility from launching when the mobile device boots.
Hide System Taskbar (Start Menu)	This checkbox is only available when you select the Monitor and launch update utility option button. Enable this checkbox to hide the Windows Start menu when the Avalanche Update Utility launches.

Shutdown Settings

Use the Shutdown tab to configure the behavior of the Enabler when the Avalanche Update Utility is terminated on the mobile device.

Figure 3-14 shows the Shutdown tab.

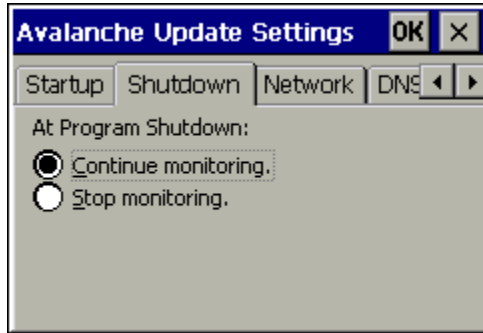


Figure 3-14. *Avalanche Update Settings Shutdown Tab*

The following list explains the options in the Shutdown tab:

- | | |
|----------------------------|---|
| Continue monitoring | Instructs the Monitor to continue running after the Avalanche Update Utility is terminated. |
| Stop monitoring | Instructs the Monitor to close when the Avalanche Update Utility is terminated. |

Network Settings

Use the Network tab to configure the RF and IP settings for the mobile device.

Figure 3-15 shows the Network tab.

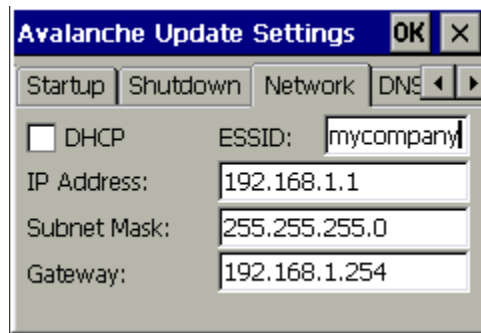


Figure 3-15. *Avalanche Update Utility Network Tab*

The following list explains the options in the Network tab:

DHCP	Indicates whether the mobile device obtains IP parameters from a DHCP server. Enable this checkbox to use DHCP.
ESSID	Specifies the ESSID of the RF network on which the mobile device participates.
IP Address	Specifies the static IP address of the mobile device.
Subnet Mask	Specifies the subnet mask for the IP address of the mobile device.
Gateway	Specifies the IP address of the gateway (router) on the local network.

DNS Settings

Use the DNS tab to configure the DNS and WINS servers that the mobile device should use.

Figure 3-16 shows the DNS tab.

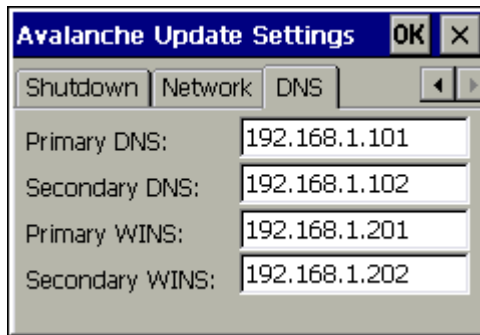


Figure 3-16. *Avalanche Update Settings DNS Tab*

The following list describes the options in the DNS tab:

Primary DNS	Specifies the IP address of the primary DNS server on the network.
Secondary DNS	Specifies the IP address of the secondary DNS server on the network.
Primary WINS	Specifies the IP address of the primary WINS server on the network.
Secondary WINS	Specifies the IP address of the secondary WINS server on the network.

Appendix A: Using Microsoft ActiveSync

If you want to install the Avalanche Enabler on a mobile device through the serial port connection, you must create a Microsoft ActiveSync partnership between the system that hosts the Avalanche Enabler installation utility and the mobile device to which you want to install the application.

This section provides information on creating a partnership between a host system and a mobile device through Microsoft ActiveSync.

Before you create a partnership, ensure that you have the following:

- The appropriate serial cable for connecting the host system and the mobile device (a DB-9-to-SIN-7 cable is required to connect a PC to the VRC 7900/8900)
- Microsoft ActiveSync 3.6 (or better) installed on the host system

Creating a partnership involves two primary tasks:

- 1 Free the COM port on the host system.
- 2 Create the partnership with the mobile device.

Freeing a COM Port

Applications, including Microsoft ActiveSync, contend for “ownership” or exclusive use of the COM ports on the host system. Before you attempt to create a partnership, ensure that no other applications are using the COM port through which you will establish the partnership with the mobile device.

For example, if you have installed Avalanche Manager on the host system and have used the Manager to perform serial updates on the mobile device, then the Manager may have exclusive control of the COM ports on the host system. To free the COM port, access the Services service on the host system and stop the Wavelink Avalanche Manager service.

Creating a Partnership

Before you can install the TelnetCE Client or the Avalanche Enabler on the mobile device, you must create a Microsoft ActiveSync partnership between the host system and the mobile device.

To create a partnership:

- 1 Connect the serial cable to the COM port on the host system.

NOTE Do not connect the serial cable to the VRC 7900/8900. If you connect the serial cable to the VRC 7900/8900, Microsoft ActiveSync will not be able to detect it.

- 2 On the host system, launch Microsoft ActiveSync.

The *Get Connected* dialog box appears, as shown in Figure A-1.



Figure A-1. *Get Connected* Dialog Box

- 3 Click **Next**.

Microsoft ActiveSync checks the host system for available COM ports, as shown in Figure A-2.

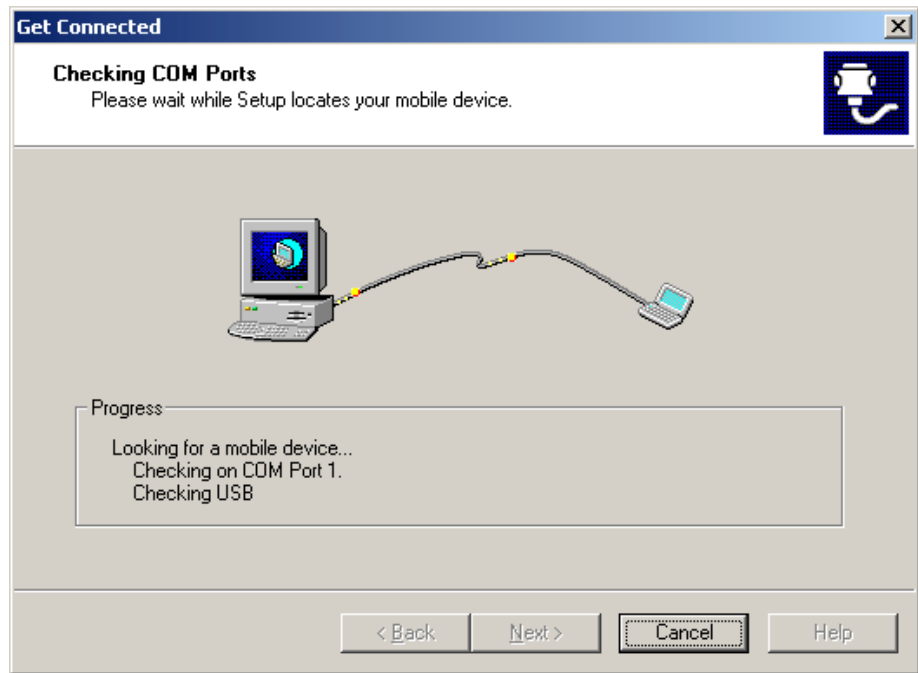


Figure A-2. Microsoft ActiveSync Checks for Available COM Ports

- 4** While Microsoft ActiveSync is checking the COM ports for mobile devices, connect the serial cable to the mobile device.

NOTE On the VRC 7900, connect the serial cable to COM port 2.

When Microsoft ActiveSync detects a connection on the COM port, the *Set Up a New Partnership* dialog box appears, as shown in Figure A-3.

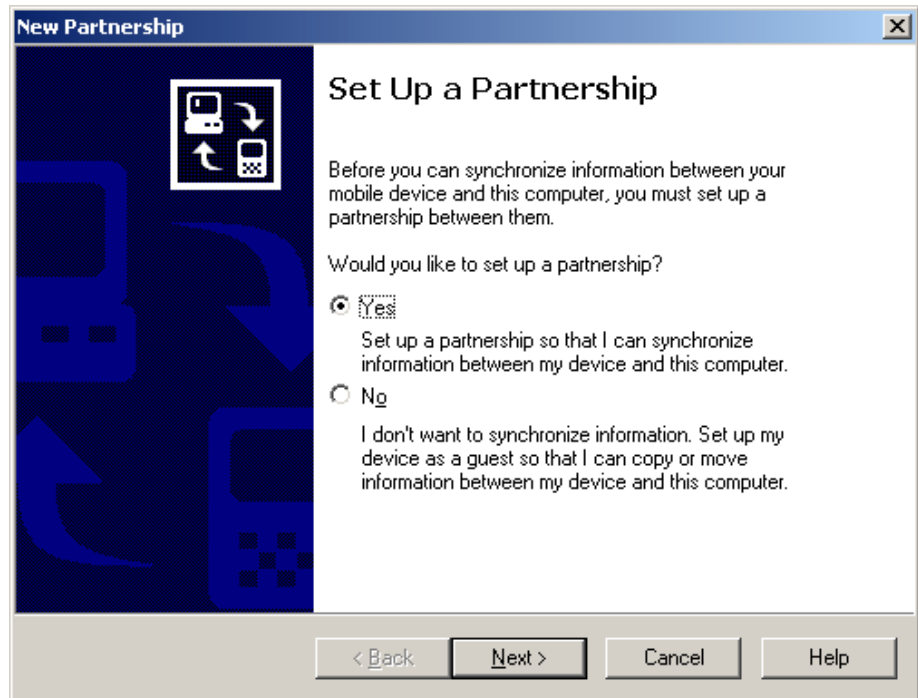


Figure A-3. *Set Up a New Partnership Dialog Box*

- 5 Select the **Yes** option button.
- 6 Click **Next**.

The *Select Number of Partnerships* dialog box appears, as shown in Figure A-4.

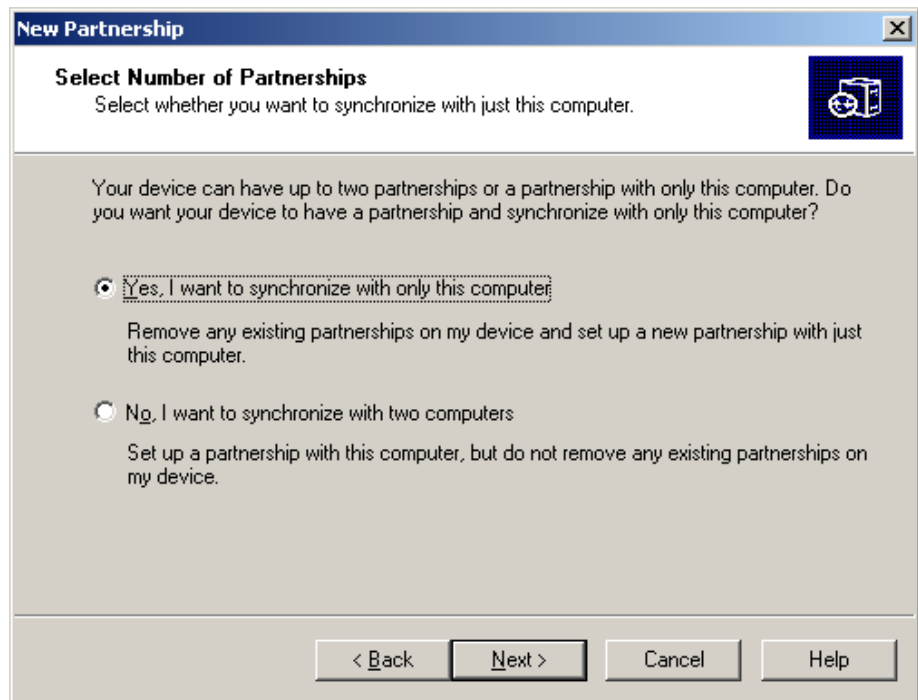


Figure A-4. *Select Number of Partnerships Dialog Box*

- 7 Select the *Yes, I want to synchronize with only this computer* option button.
- 8 Click *Next*.

The *Select Synchronization Settings* dialog box appears, as shown in Figure A-5.

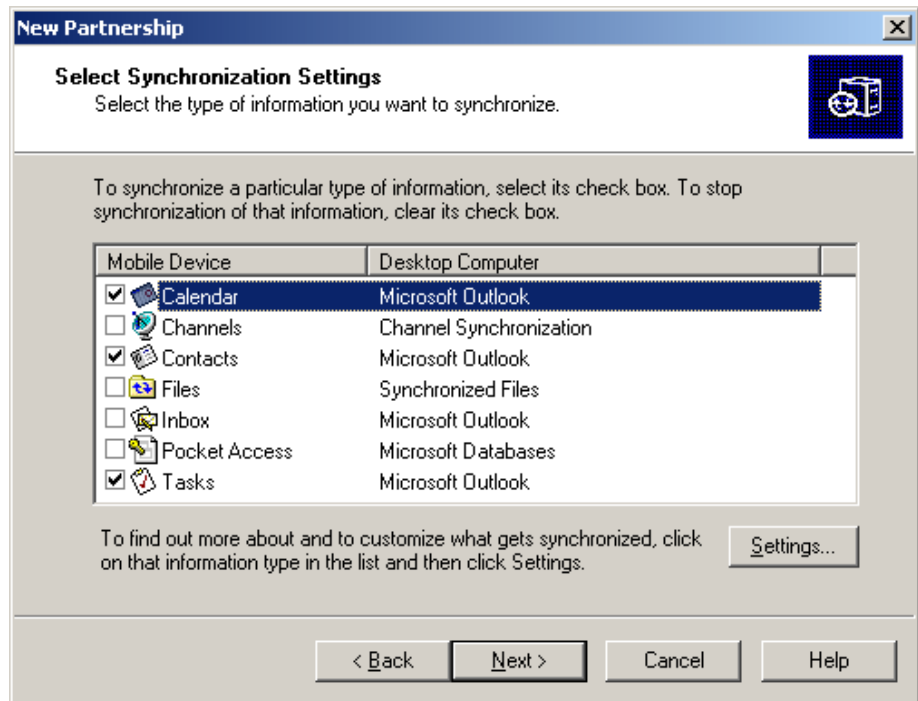


Figure A-5. *Select Synchronization Settings Dialog Box*

- 9 Disable all of the check boxes in the *Select Synchronization Settings* dialog box.
- 10 Click **Next**.

The *Setup Complete* dialog box appears.

- 11 Click **Finish**.

Microsoft ActiveSync indicates that you are connected to the mobile device, as shown in Figure A-6.

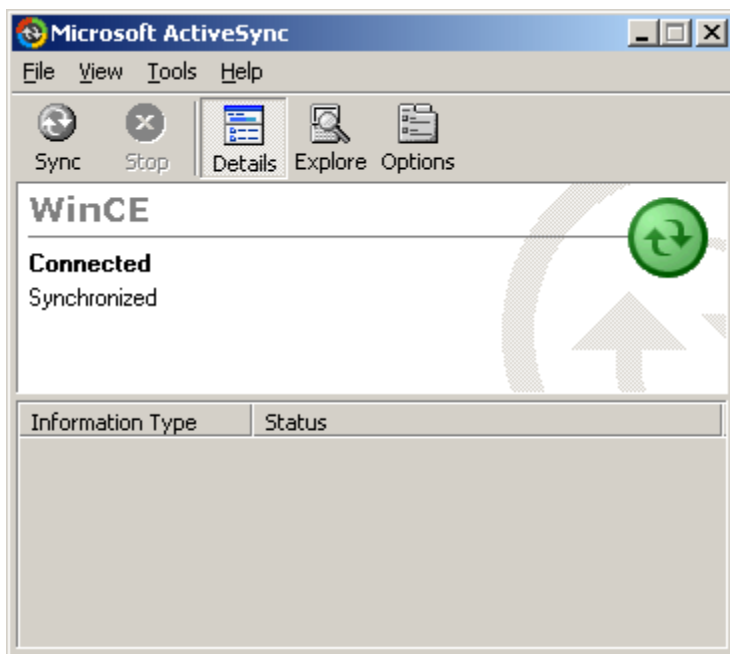


Figure A-6. *Microsoft ActiveSync Connected to Mobile Device*

Appendix B: Managing Clients with Avalanche Manager

This section provides information about managing Avalanche clients through Avalanche Manager, including:

- Updating clients
- Using Network Profiles
- Using Client Controls to manage clients
- Using software packages

Updating Clients

This section discusses the following:

- Updating clients and the Avalanche Monitor
- Forcing updates from Avalanche Manager
- Forcing updates from the client
- Using standard updates

About Updates

Updates are the method by which Avalanche Manager delivers network configuration and software package changes to clients. Avalanche Manager allows you to perform updates over the RF network or through a serial connection.

About Avalanche Monitor

The Avalanche Monitor is a component of the Enabler that communicates with the Agent and queries the Agent for updates.

You can configure the Avalanche Monitor to run in one of the following modes on the client:

- **Standard.** When the Monitor is operating in standard mode, the Monitor icon appears in the system tray on the client. When the monitor is

operating in standard mode, the client can access the Avalanche Update Utility component of the Enabler by double-tapping the **Monitor** icon in the system tray.

- **Silent Mode.** When the Monitor is running in silent mode, the Monitor runs in the background on the mobile device and no Monitor icon appears in the system tray of the client. The user cannot access the Avalanche Update Utility component of the Enabler. You can configure the Monitor to operate in silent mode when you install the Enabler on the client.

Types of Updates

There are three methods by which the Monitor queries the Agent for updates:

- **Standard Update.** The Monitor queries the Agent according to the Enabler configuration. The client may check for updates when the Monitor starts, at predetermined intervals, or both. (See *Avalanche Enabler Settings* on page 22 for information about configuring the update settings for the client.)
- **Forced Update (Pull).** A user at the client can force the Monitor to query the Agent for updates.
- **Forced Update (Push-Pull).** You can force the Monitor to query the Agent for updates from Avalanche Manager.

Forcing an Update from the Client

To force an update from the client, launch the Avalanche Update Utility on the client. You can launch the Avalanche Update Utility from the **Start** menu or by double-tapping the **Monitor** icon in the system tray.

Forcing an Update from Avalanche Manager

You can force a client to query the Agent for updates from the Management Console.

To force an update from Avalanche Manager:

- 1 Launch the Management Console and connect to the Agent.
- 2 In the List View of the Management Console, locate and right-click the client.

A menu list appears.

3 Select **Update Now**, as shown in Figure B-1.

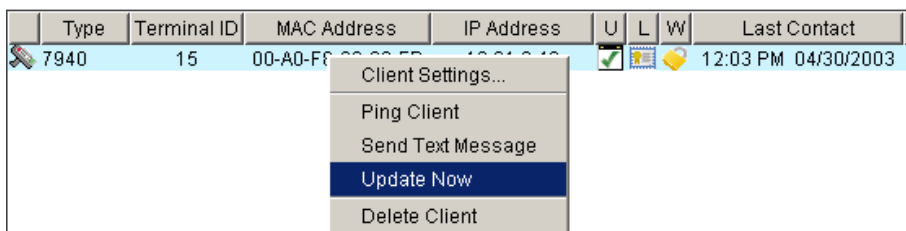


Figure B-1. *Selecting Update Now*

The client queries the Agent for updates and any available updates are downloaded to the client.

Using Network Profiles

This section discusses configuring and deploying Avalanche network profiles to clients.

About Network Profiles

A network profile is a configuration file that is downloaded to the client that provides for the automatic configuration of network parameters. Network profiles allow you to provide the following network parameters to a client:

- Static or dynamic IP parameters (IP address, net mask, gateway, and DNS settings)
- Avalanche Manager address
- ESS ID
- WEP key information

Creating a Network Profile

Before you can deploy a network profile to clients, you must create the profile.

To create a new network profile:

- 1** Launch the Management Console and connect to the Agent.

- 2 In the Tree View of the Management Console, right-click the **Network Profiles** branch.

A single-option menu list appears.

- 3 Select `New Network Profile`.

The *Network Profile Name* dialog box appears.

- 4 Type a name for the network profile in the text box provided, as shown in Figure B-2.

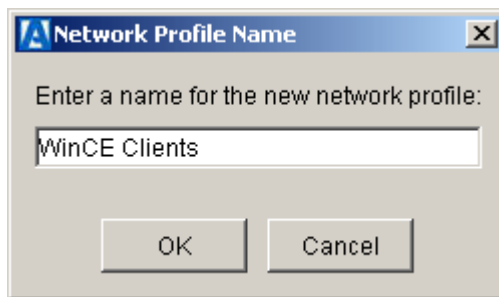


Figure B-2. *Naming a Network Profile*

- 5 Click `OK`.

The new network profile appears beneath the **Network Profiles** branch in the Tree View of the Management Console.

- 6 Right-click the network profile.

A menu list appears.

- 7 Select `Settings...`, as shown in Figure B-3.

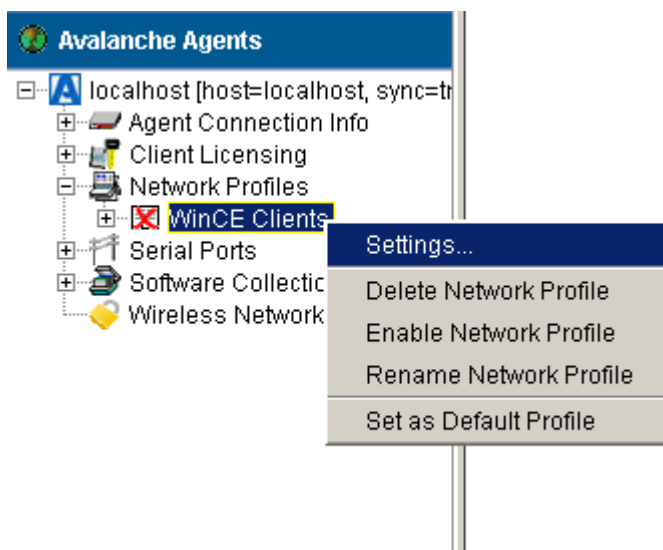


Figure B-3. Selecting to Configure Settings for a Network Profile

The *Network Profile Settings* dialog box appears.

- 8 Select and configure the Control tab in the *Network Profile Settings* dialog box.

See *Network Profile Settings* on page 53 for more information about the parameters in the Control tab.

- 9 Select and configure the Routing tab in the *Network Profile Settings* dialog box.

See *Network Profile Settings* on page 53 for more information about the parameters in the Routing tab.

- 10 Select and configure the Security tab in the *Network Profile Settings* dialog box.

See *Network Profile Settings* on page 53 for more information about the parameters in the Security tab.

- 11 Use the Filter tab to create selection criterion for the network profile.

A selection criterion allows you to specify to which client(s) Avalanche Manager deploys the network profile. You can create several different network profiles to accommodate your network environment.

For more information on configuring selection criteria, see the online help in the Management Console.

- 12 After you have configured the tab in the *Network Profile Settings* dialog box, click **OK** to save the configuration and close the dialog box.

Deploying Network Profiles

A network profile is an update that must be deployed to the client through an RF or serial port connection to the client. You must enable the client and the network profile, and then update the client.

Whenever you make a change to the configuration of the network profile, you will need to re-deploy the network profile to the client. Update the client to re-deploy the network profile.

This section provides steps for deploying network profiles through a serial port connection and over an RF connection.

To deploy a network profile through a serial port connection:

- 1 Connect the Agent host system to the mobile device with the serial cable.

NOTE The client must be configured to check for updates on the serial port. See *Configuring the Avalanche Enabler* on page 19 and *Manually Configuring the Avalanche Enabler* on page 29 for information about configuring the client to check for updates on the serial port.

- 2 Launch the Management Console and connect to the Agent.
- 3 In the Tree View of the Management Console, right-click the **Serial Ports** branch.

A menu list appears.

- 4 Select **Auto Detect Available Serial Ports**, as shown in Figure B-4.

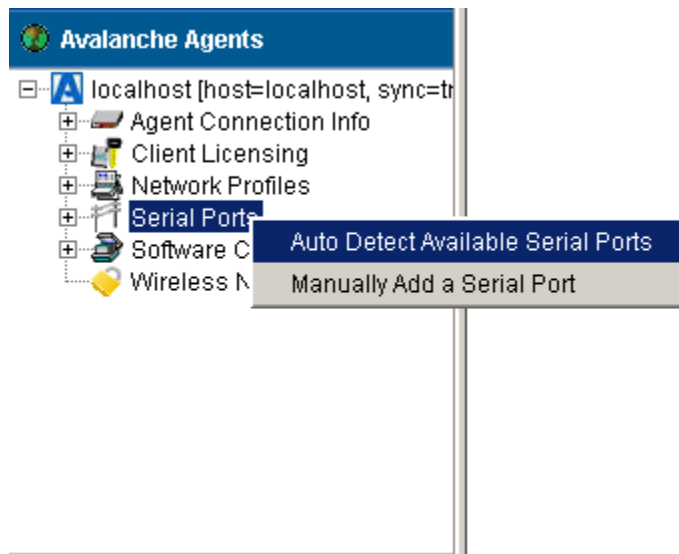


Figure B-4. Detecting Available Serial Ports on the Agent

Avalanche Manager detects the COM ports that are available for use on the Agent host machine.

NOTE If auto-detecting the COM ports did not work, you can manually add a serial port by right-clicking the **Serial Ports** branch and selecting **Manually Add a Serial Port**.

- 5 In the Tree View of the Management Console, locate and right-click the network profile that you want to deploy.

A menu list appears.

- 6 Select **Enable Network Profile**, as shown in Figure B-5.

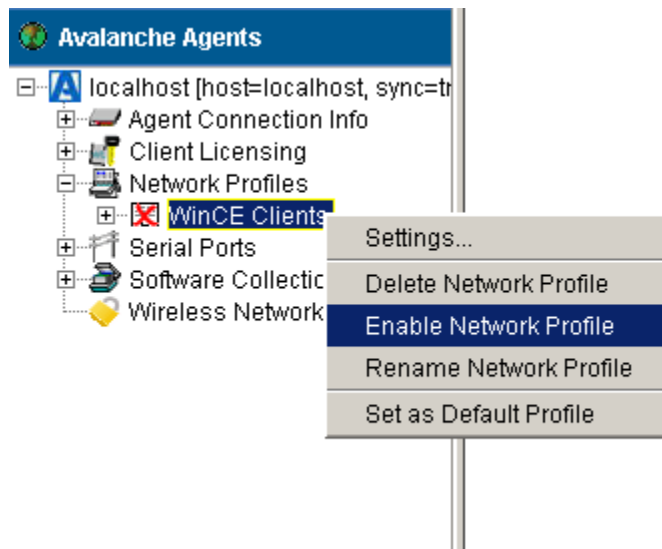


Figure B-5. *Enabling a Network Profile*

- 7 Right-click the network profile and select `Set as Default Profile`.
- 8 Perform an update on the client.

The client queries the Agent for updates and the network profile is downloaded to the client over the serial connection.

NOTE If you have modified any IP parameters on the client, you might be prompted to reboot the mobile unit. Reboot the mobile unit to apply the changes you have made.

To deploy the network profile over the RF connection:

- 1 Launch the Management Console and connect to the Agent.
- 2 In the Tree View of the Management Console, locate and right-click the **Network Profiles** branch.

A menu list appears.

- 3 Select `Enable Network Profile`, as shown in Figure B-5.

4 Perform an update on the client.

The client contacts the Agent and downloads the network profile over the RF connection.

NOTE If you have modified any IP parameters on the client, the *Reboot Required* dialog box appears and prompts you to reboot the mobile device. You must reboot the mobile device for the changes to take effect.

Network Profile Settings

This section provides information on the options in the tabs in the *Network Profile Settings* dialog box.

Figure B-6 shows the Control tab of the *Network Profile Settings* dialog box.

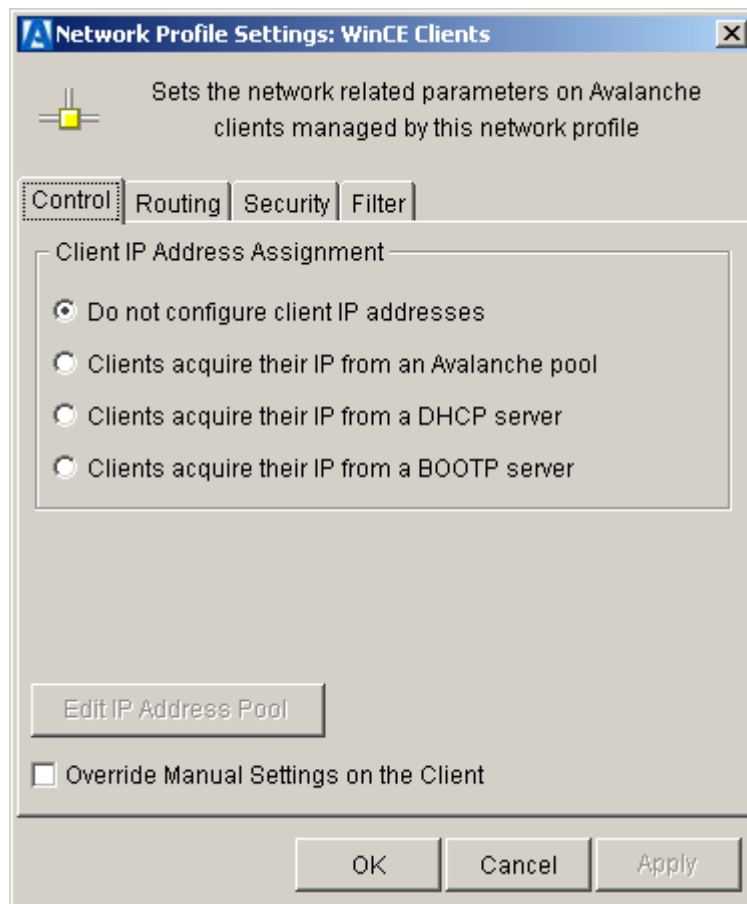


Figure B-6. *Network Profile Settings Dialog Box Control Tab*

The options available in the Control tab include:

- | | |
|---|--|
| Do not configure client IP address | Allows a static or manually configured IP address on the client. |
| Clients obtain their IP from an Avalanche pool | Allows Avalanche Manager to assign the client an IP address. |
| Clients obtain their IP from a DHCP server | Configures the client to request an IP address through DHCP. |

Clients obtain their IP from a BOOTP server	Configures the client to request an IP address through BOOTP.
Edit IP Address Pool	If you configured Avalanche Manager to assign an IP to the client, click this button to edit the range of addresses from which Avalanche Manager will assign the client IP address.
Override Manual Settings on the Client	Indicates whether settings configured in the profile take precedence over the manual IP settings a user might have configured on the client.

Figure B-7 shows the Routing tab of the *Network Profile Settings* dialog box.

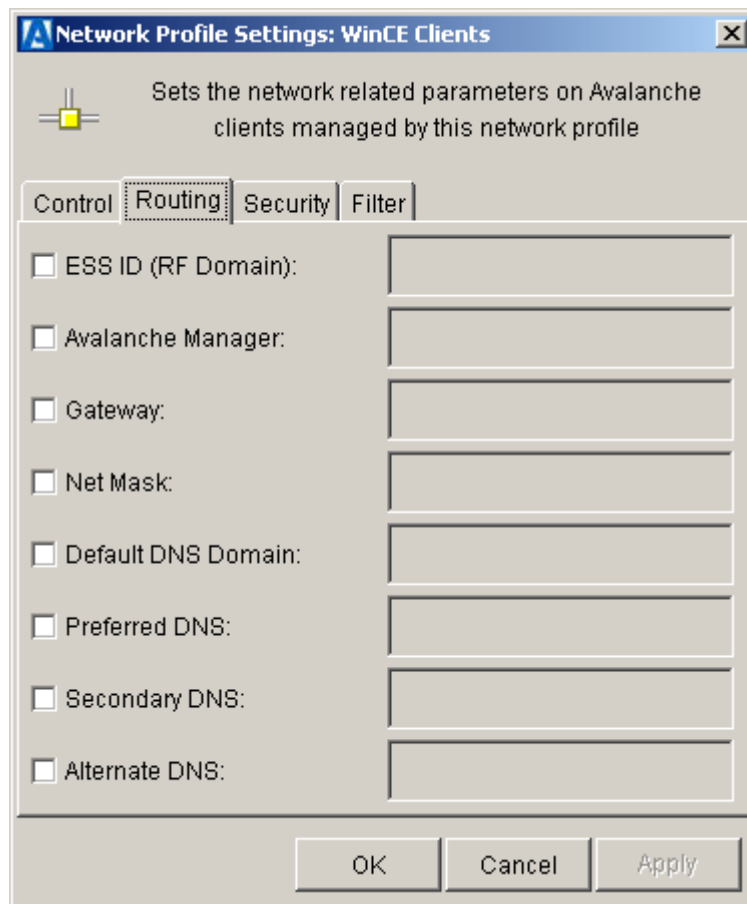


Figure B-7. Network Profile Settings Routing Tab

To modify any of the options in this dialog box, enable the checkbox to the left of the option. The options in the Routing tab include:

ESS ID (RF Domain) The wireless network identifier. Type the name of the ESS ID in the blank text box. (ESS IDs are case-sensitive.)

Avalanche Manager The Avalanche Manager associated with the profile. Type the IP address of the Avalanche Agent in the blank text box.

Gateway	The IP address of the default gateway.
Net Mask	The subnet mask. Type the decimal notation of the mask in the blank text box.
Default DNS Domain	The DNS domain.
Preferred DNS	The primary DNS server. Type the IP address of the DNS server in the blank text box.
Secondary DNS	The secondary DNS server. Type the IP address of the DNS server in the blank text box.
Alternate DNS	The alternate DNS server. Type the IP address of the DNS server in the blank text box.

Figure B-8 shows the security tab of the *Network Profile Settings* dialog box.

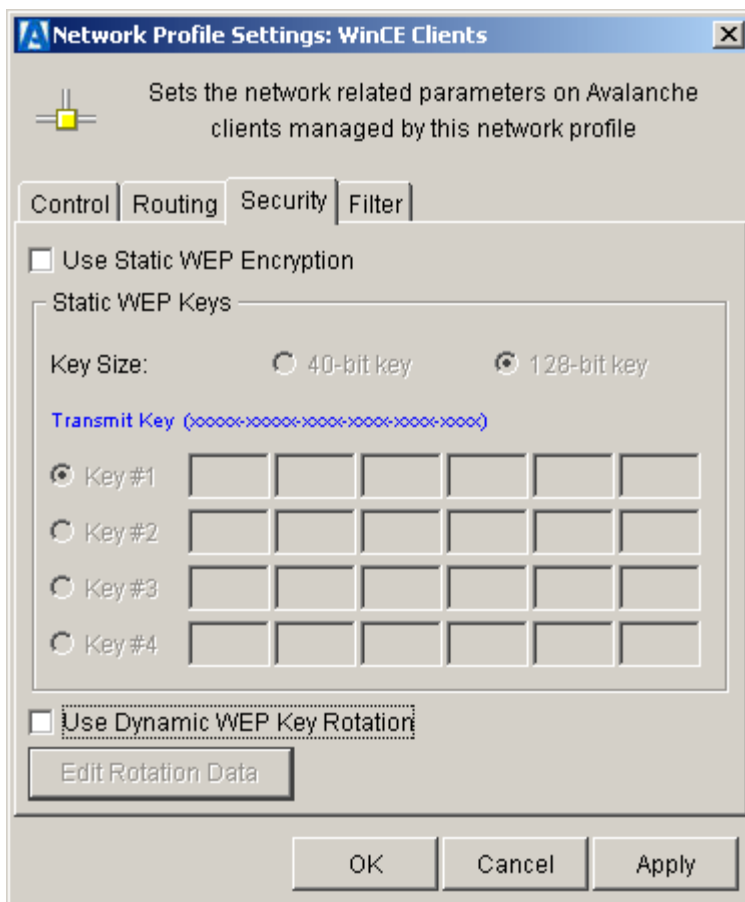


Figure B-8. Network Profile Settings Security Tab

The following options are available in the Security tab:

- | | |
|---------------------------|---|
| Use WEP Encryption | Indicates whether WEP encryption is enabled for the profile. When you enable the checkbox, the other fields in the Security tab become available for input. |
| Key Size | Specifies the size of the key that is used on the wireless network for which you are configuring the profile. |

Key#1 - #4	Specifies the WEP encryption keys. Select the option button that corresponds with the key that is currently being used on the wireless network for which you are configuring the client.
Use Dynamic WEP Key Rotation	Indicates whether automatic WEP rotation is used for the profile.
Edit Rotation Data	Provides configuration access for the automatic WEP rotation settings for the profile.

Using Client Controls

This section discusses the use of the *Avalanche Client Controls* dialog box, which allows you to perform the following tasks:

- Edit the terminal ID of a client.
- Send a ping from the Agent to the client.
- Send a text message to the client.
- Force an update on a client.
- Enable/Disable the Update Now override priorities of a client.
- Delete orphan packages on the client.

Accessing Client Controls

The *Avalanche Client Controls* dialog box is accessible on a per-client basis.

To access the Avalanche Client Controls dialog box for a client:

- 1 Launch the Management Console and connect to the Agent .
- 2 In the List View of the Management Console, locate and right-click the client you want to manage.

A menu list appears.

- 3 Select `Client Settings...`, as shown in Figure B-9.

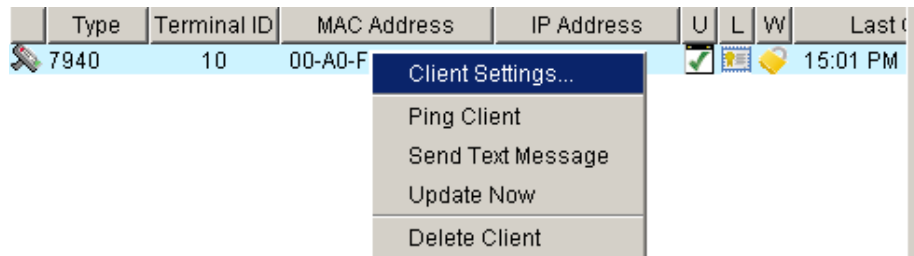


Figure B-9. Access the Avalanche Client Controls Dialog Box

The *Avalanche Client Controls* dialog box appears.

About Avalanche Client Controls

The *Avalanche Client Controls* dialog box has two tabs:

- **Control.** This tab allows you to perform many of the control functions for the client, such as forcing an update or changing the terminal ID of the client. This tab contains information about the client, including the MAC address and IP address of the client and the software packages that are installed on the the client.
- **Properties.** This tab displays the various properties of the client, such as the terminal ID of the client.

Figure B-10 shows the Control tab of the Avalanche Client Controls dialog box.

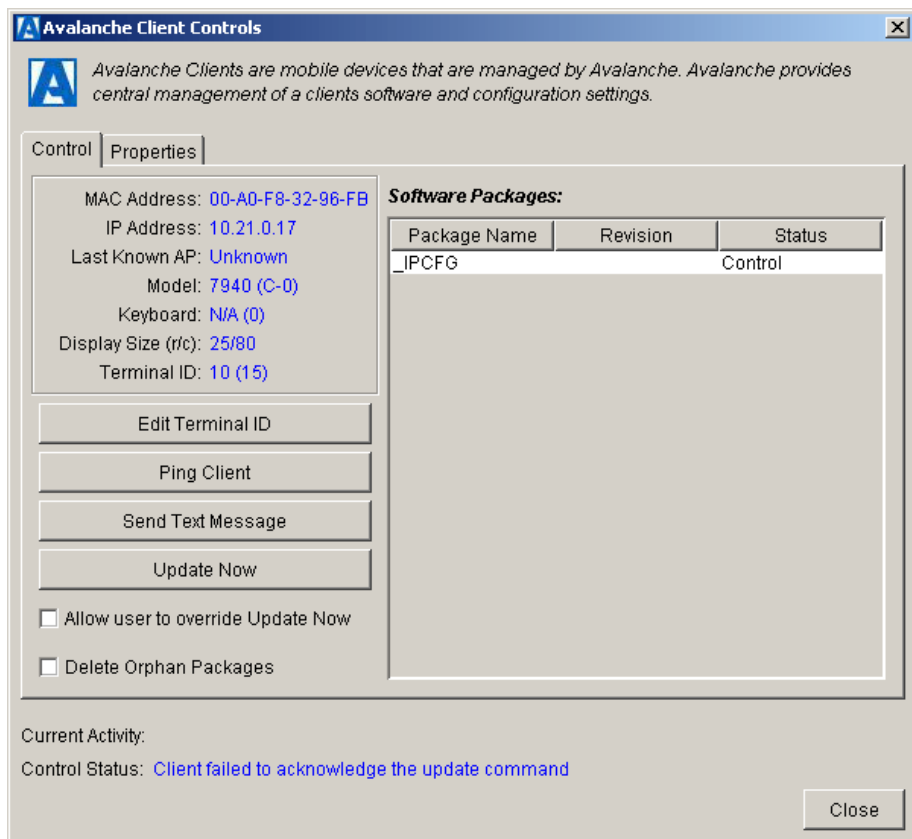


Figure B-10. Control Tab in Avalanche Client Controls Dialog Box

The following list describes the information and options that appear in the Control tab:

- | | |
|----------------------|--|
| MAC Address | Displays the hardware (MAC) address of the client. |
| IP Address | Displays the IP address of the client. |
| Last Known AP | Displays the IP address of the last AP with which the client was associated. To obtain this information, you must first ping the client from Management Console. |
| Model | Displays the model number of the client. |

Keyboard	Indicates the type of keyboard on the client.
Display Size (r/c)	Indicates the display parameters of the client, in rows (r) and columns (c).
Terminal ID	Displays the terminal ID of the client. The terminal ID can be used by certain systems (AS/400, for example) to uniquely identify a client when other parameters (an IP address, for example) are not available.
Edit Terminal ID	Allows you to edit the terminal ID of the client.
Ping Client	Pings the client from the Agent.
Send Text Message	Sends a text message to the client.
Update Now	Forces an update on the client.
Allow user to override Update Now	Allows users at the client to interrupt forced updates from the Agent.
Delete Orphan Packages	Indicates whether orphan packages will be removed from the client the next time the client is updated. For information about orphan packages, see <i>Using Software Packages</i> on page 68.
Current Activity	Indicates the current activity between the Agent and the client.
Control Status	Indicates the status of control events, such as pings, text messages, and updates.
Software Packages	Displays information about the software packages that are installed on the client.
Close	Closes the <i>Avalanche Client Controls</i> dialog box.

Figure B-11 shows the Properties tab of the *Avalanche Client Controls* dialog box.

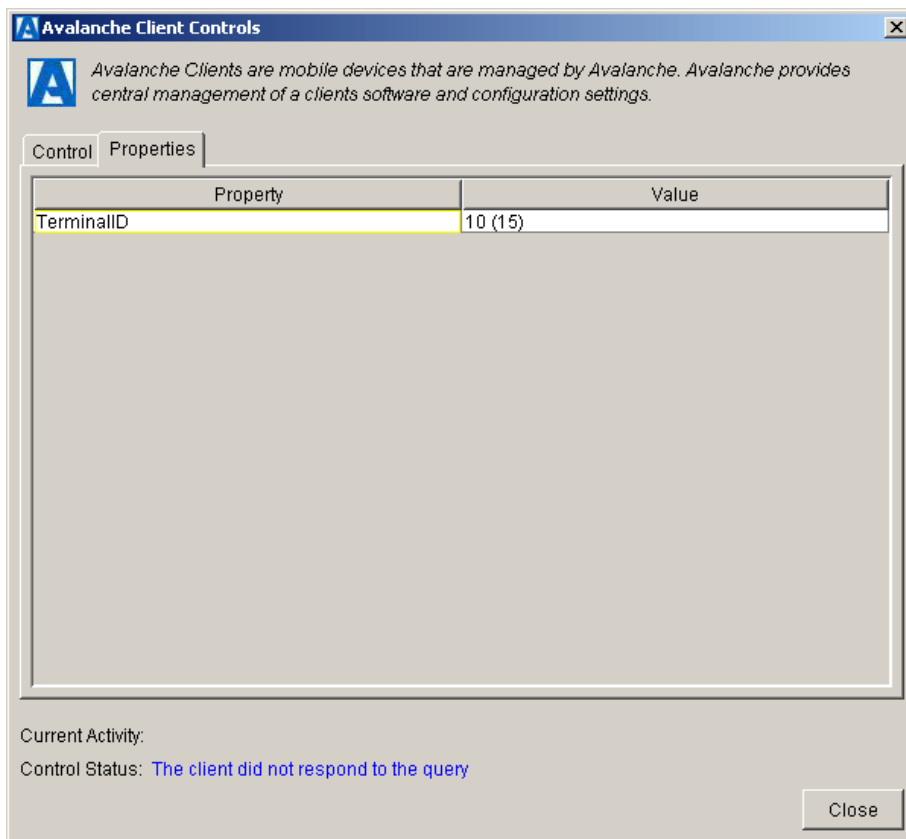


Figure B-11. *Properties Tab in Avalanche Client Controls Dialog Box*

The following table describes the elements and options of the Properties tab:

Property	Lists the properties that are associated with the client, such as the terminal ID.
Value	Displays the value of the corresponding property.
Current Activity	Indicates the current activity between the Agent and the client.
Control Status	Indicates the status of control events, such as pings, text messages, and updates.
Close	Closes the <i>Avalanche Client Controls</i> dialog box.

Editing the Terminal ID of a Client

The terminal ID of a client is a number that Avalanche Manager associates with the client. The terminal ID can be used to provide a unique identifier for certain systems when other parameters are not available or are insufficient.

You can edit the terminal ID of a client from the *Avalanche Client Controls* dialog box.

To edit the terminal ID of a client:

- 1 In the Management Console, access the *Avalanche Client Controls* dialog box for the client.
- 2 Click `Edit Terminal ID`.

The *Edit Terminal ID* dialog box appears.

- 3 In the **New Terminal ID** text box, type the new terminal ID for the client, as shown in Figure B-12.

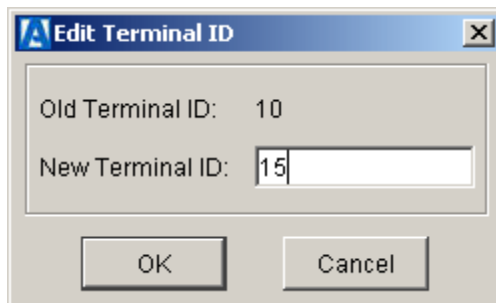


Figure B-12. Assigning a New Terminal ID to a Client

- 4 Click `OK`.
- 5 Close the *Avalanche Client Controls* dialog box.

The List View in the Management Console now displays the old and new terminal IDs of the client. The old terminal ID appears in parentheses.

Once you update the client, the List View of the Management Console only displays the new terminal ID, but the new terminal ID appears in parentheses.

Pinging a Client

From the Management Console, you can send an ICMP ping from the Agent to the client to test connectivity between the two. A failed ping indicates that there is a network problem or that the client is offline.

- 1 In the Management Console, access the *Avalanche Client Controls* dialog box for the client.
- 2 Click `Ping Client`.

The Agent sends a ping to the client.

See the Control Status section in the lower, left corner of the Avalanche Client Controls dialog box for the status of the ping, as shown in Figure B-13.

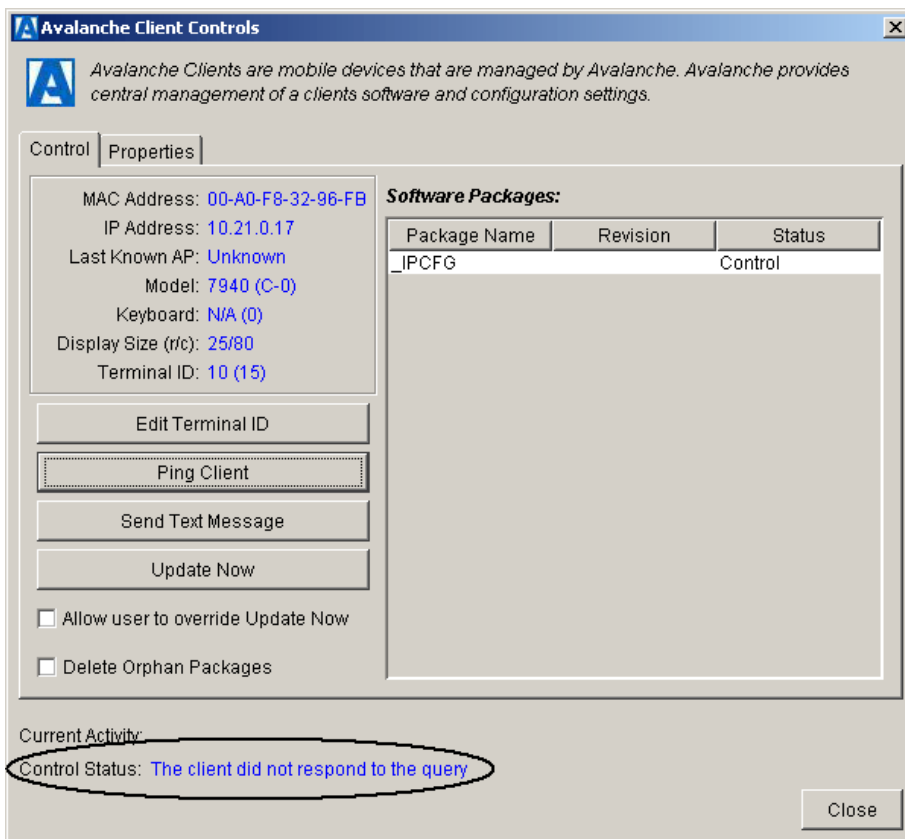


Figure B-13. Status of the Ping from the Agent to the Client

Sending a Text Message to a Client

You can use the *Avalanche Client Controls* dialog box to send a text message to a client.

To send a text message to a client:

- 1 In the Management Console, access the *Avalanche Client Controls* dialog box for the client.
- 2 Click **Send Text Message**.

The *Send a text message* dialog box appears.

- 3 In the Text Message field, type the message that you want to send to the client, as shown in Figure B-14.

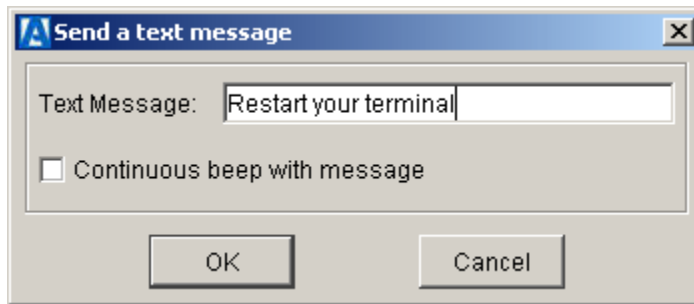


Figure B-14. Sending a Text Message to a Client

NOTE Enable the `Continuous beep with message` checkbox to force the mobile device to beep continuously until a user at the client acknowledges the message.

- 4 Click `OK`.

The message is sent to the client. See the Control Status section of the *Avalanche Client Controls* dialog box for the status of the text message.

When the message reaches the client, it appears in the *Text Message* dialog box. Click `OK` to acknowledge the message and close the dialog box.

Updating a Client

You can use the *Avalanche Client Controls* dialog box to force an update on the client.

To force an update on a client:

- 1 In the Management Console, access the *Avalanche Client Controls* dialog box for the client.
- 2 Click `Update Now`.

NOTE Enable the `Allow user to override Update Now` checkbox to allow the user to override and stop the forced update.

The Agent forces an update on the client.

See the Control Status section of the *Avalanche Client Controls* dialog box for information on the status of the update.

Using Software Packages

Software packages are specially bundled applications that can be deployed to and installed on clients through Avalanche Manager. A network profile is a type of software package, as is the TelnetCE Client. Avalanche software packages not only provide a way to deploy software over the RF connection, they also provide for automatic installation on the client.

This section provides the following information:

- Installing AVA-based software packages (.ava file extensions) in Avalanche Manager.
- Installing EXE-based software packages (.exe file extensions) in Avalanche Manager.
- Deploying software packages to clients.
- Removing software packages from clients.

Installing AVA-based Software Packages

AVA-based software packages (software packages with the .ava file extension) do not need to be unpackaged and can be installed into Avalanche Manager directly from Management Console.

The procedures that follow illustrate the installation of the AVA-based TelnetCE Client software package. To install other AVA-based software packages, follow the same procedure.

Installing an AVA-based software package involves two basic tasks:

- Create a software collection for the software package in the Management Console.
- Install the software package into the software collection.

To install an AVA-based software package:

- 1 Obtain the AVA software package (in this case, the `WLTNClient_VRC_PP_Rin1_4_xx_xx.ava` file) and place it in a local or network directory that is accessible from the system that hosts Management Console.

- 1 Launch the Management Console and connect to the Agent.
- 2 In the Tree View of the Management Console, right-click the **Software Collections** branch.

A menu list appears.

- 3 Select `New Software Collection`, as shown in Figure B-15.

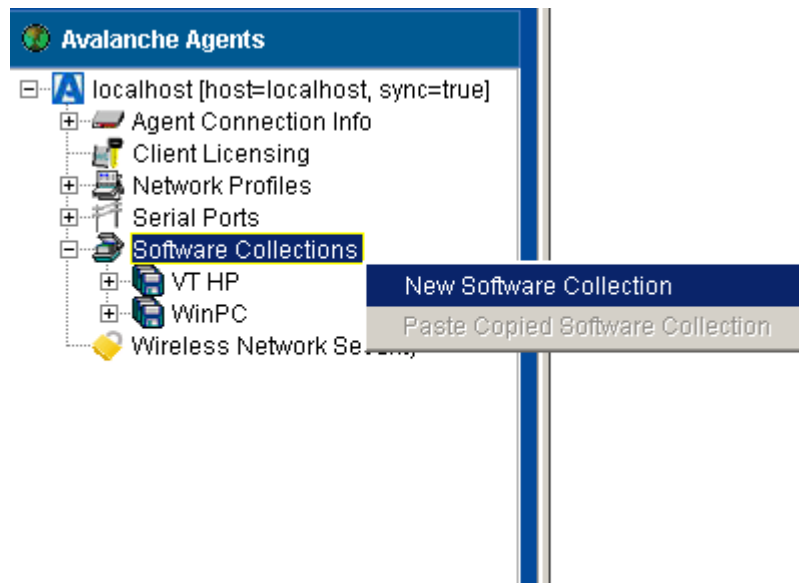


Figure B-15. *Creating a New Software Collection*

The *Software Collection Name* dialog box appears.

- 4 Type a descriptive name for the software collection, as shown in Figure B-16.

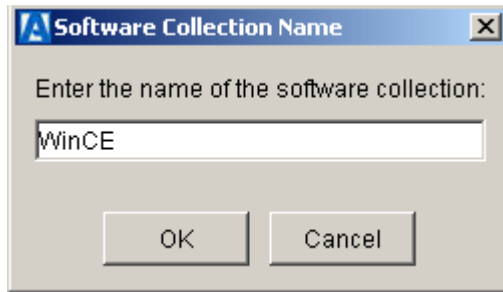


Figure B-16. *Naming a Software Collection*

- 5 Click **OK**.

The new software collection now appears in the Tree View of the Management Console.

- 6 From the **Software Management** menu, select **Install Software Package...** to launch the Install Software Package Wizard.

The *Select the Avalanche package to install* dialog box appears.

- 7 Click the browse (...) button.

The *Select the path* dialog box appears.

- 8 Use the *Select the path* dialog box to locate and select the AVA software package.

- 9 After you select the AVA package, click **Select**.

You are returned to the *Select the Avalanche package to install* dialog box, and the path to the AVA software package appears in the path field.

- 10 Click **Next**.

The *License Agreement* dialog box appears.

- 11 Select the **Yes, I agree** option button.

- 12 Click **Next**.

The *Select the software collection* dialog box appears.

- 13 Select the Avalanche software collection in which you want to install the software package, as shown in Figure B-17.

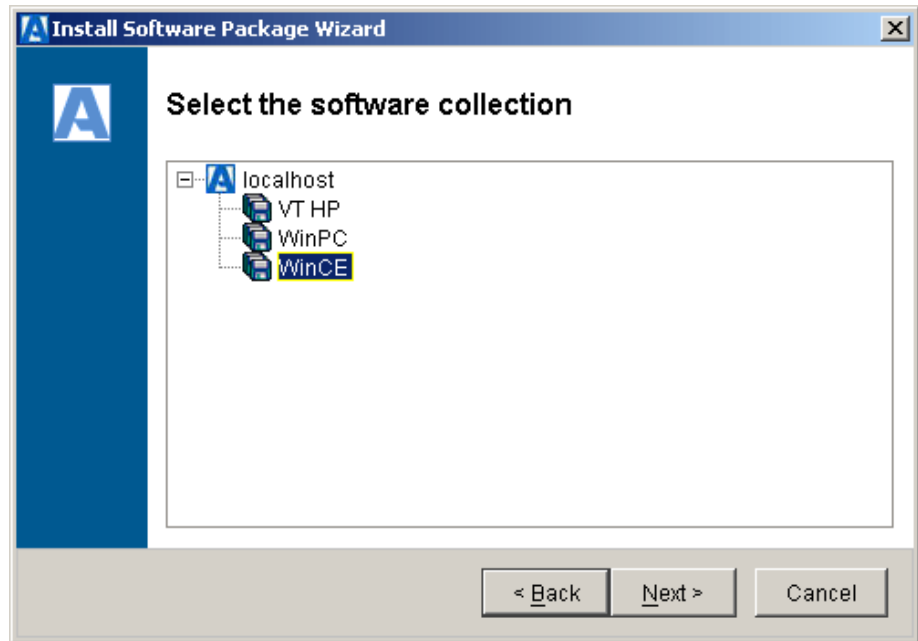


Figure B-17. *Selecting the Software Collection*

- 14 Click `Next`.

The *Installing the Avalanche package* dialog box appears and displays the progress of the installation.

- 15 After the installation is complete, click `Finish` to close the Install Software Package Wizard.

The software package now appears in the Tree View of the Management Console beneath the software collection that you selected, as shown in Figure B-18.

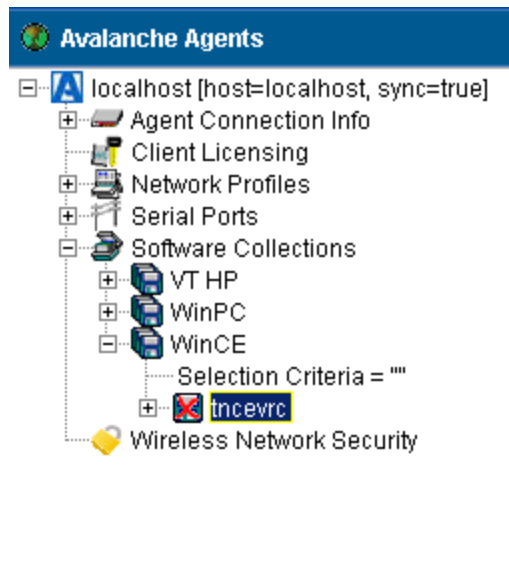


Figure B-18. *TelnetCE Software Package in Management Console*

Installing EXE-based Software Packages

Some Avalanche software packages are distributed as self-extracting EXE files (software packages with .exe file extensions). EXE-based software packages must be unpackaged before they can be installed in Avalanche Manager.

This section uses the EXE-based TelnetCE Client software package (WLTNClient_SVRC_PP_4in1_v4_xx_xx_exe) to illustrate the process of installing an EXE-based software package.

Installing an EXE-based software package involves two basic tasks:

- Create a software package in Management Console that will contain the software package.
- Launch the self-extracting executable to install the software package into Avalanche Manager.

To install an EXE-based software package:

- 1 Obtain the EXE-based software package (in this case, the `WLTNClient_SVRC_PP_4in1_v4_xx_xx.exe` file) and place it in an accessible location on the system that hosts the Management Console.
- 2 Launch the Management Console and connect to the Agent.
- 3 In the Tree View of the Management Console, right-click the **Software Packages** branch.

A menu list appears.

- 4 Select `New Software Collection`, as shown in Figure B-19.

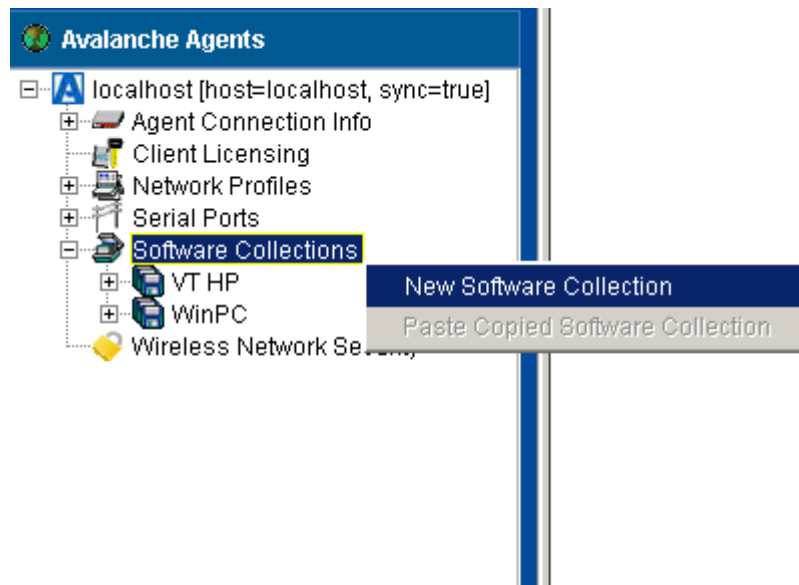


Figure B-19. *Creating a New Software Collection*

The *Software Collection Name* dialog box appears.

- 5 Type a descriptive name for the software collection, as shown in Figure B-20.

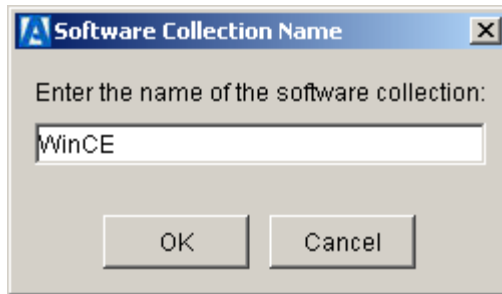


Figure B-20. Naming a New Software Collection

- 6** Click **OK**.

The new software collection now appears in the Tree View of the Management Console.

- 7** Access and double-click the EXE file for the software package to launch the installation program.

The *Avalanche Software Package - License Agreement* dialog box appears.

- 8** Click **I Agree** to accept the license agreement and launch the Avalanche Software Package Setup program.

The *Welcome* dialog box appears.

- 9** Click **Next**.

The *Information* dialog box appears.

- 10** Click **Next**.

The Avalanche Software Package Setup program extracts the necessary files.

- 11** Return to the Management Console.

- 12** Press **F5** to refresh the Management Console and access the Install Software Package Wizard.

- 13** Click **Next**.

The *License Agreement* dialog box appears.

14 Select the **Yes, I agree** option button.

15 Click **Next**.

The *Select the software collection* dialog box appears.

16 Select the software collection in which you want to install the software package, as shown in Figure B-21.

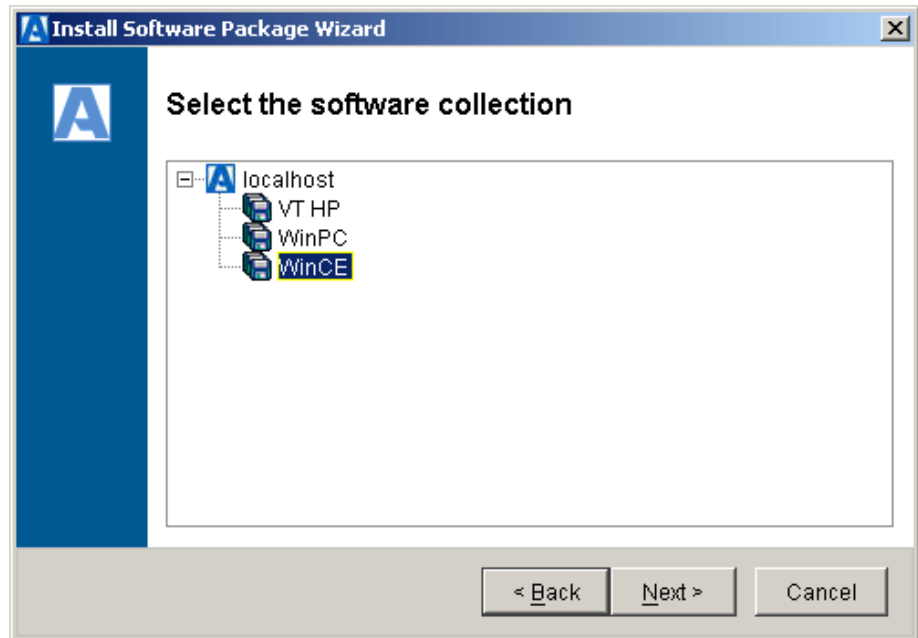


Figure B-21. *Selecting the Software Collection*

17 Click **Next**.

The *Installing the Avalanche Package* dialog box appears and displays the progress of the installation.

18 After the installation is complete, click **Finish** to close the Install Software Package Wizard.

The software package now appears in the Tree View of the Management Console beneath the software collection that you selected, as shown in Figure B-22.

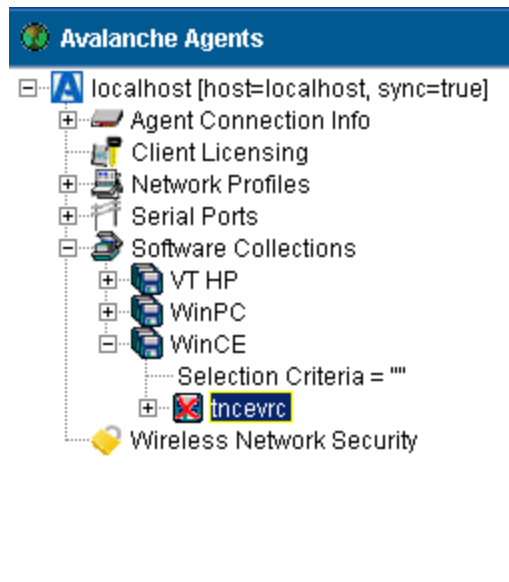


Figure B-22. *TelnetCE Software Package in Management Console*

Deploying Software Packages to Clients

Once you have installed a software package in Avalanche Manager, you can deploy the software package to clients.

The following list provides an overview of the process required to deploy a software package to a client:

- 1 Configure the software package.
- 2 Enable the software package.
- 3 Update the client.

To deploy a software package to a client:

- 1 Launch the Management Console and connect to the Agent.
- 2 In the Tree View of the Management Console, right-click the software package that you want to deploy to the client(s).

A menu list appears.

3 Select the configuration option.

NOTE The configuration option(s) are different for each software package, and some software packages do not have any configuration options. The TelnetCE Client software package allows you to configure host profiles, emulation, and localization.

4 Use the configuration tool to configure the software package and save the new configuration.

5 After you have configured the software package, right-click the software package.

A menu list appears.

6 Select `Enable Package`, as shown in Figure B-23.

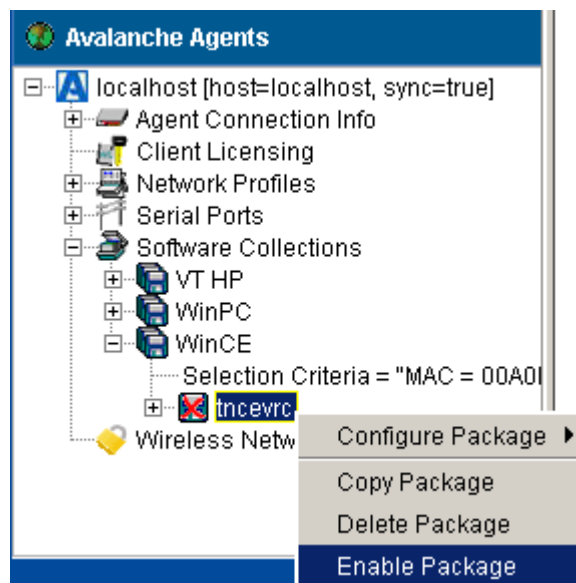


Figure B-23. *Enabling a Software Package*

7 Use one of the following methods to download and install the software package on the client(s):

- Wait for the client(s) to perform a standard update.

- Force an update from the client(s).
- Force an update to the client(s) from the Management Console.

Removing Software Packages from Clients

This section contains information on the following topics:

- Orphan packages
- Removing software packages from clients.
- Configuring Avalanche Manager to remove software packages from all clients.

About Orphan Packages

Before you can remove a software package from a client, you must orphan the software package.

Avalanche Manager considers a software package an orphan when the software package meets any of the following criteria:

- The software package has been disabled in Avalanche Manager.
- The software package has been deleted from Avalanche Manager.
- Avalanche Manager has no record of the software package on the client. (For example, the client has been migrated to a new Avalanche Manager and has retained a software package that has not been installed on the new Avalanche Manager.)

Deleting Orphan Packages

Once you have orphaned a software package, you can remove it from the client through Avalanche Manager. Removing a software package from a client involves the following basic tasks:

- 1 Disable or delete the software package in Avalanche Manager.
- 2 Use the *Avalanche Client Controls* dialog box to configure Avalanche Manager to remove orphan packages from the client(s).
- 3 Update the client(s) to remove the software package.

To remove a software package from a client:

- 1 Launch the Management Console and connect to the Agent.

NOTE If Avalanche Manager does not have a record of the software package on the client, skip steps 2 and 3.

- 2 In the Tree View of the Management Console, right-click the software package.

A menu list appears.

- 3 Select `Disable Package` or `Delete Package`, as shown in Figure B-24.

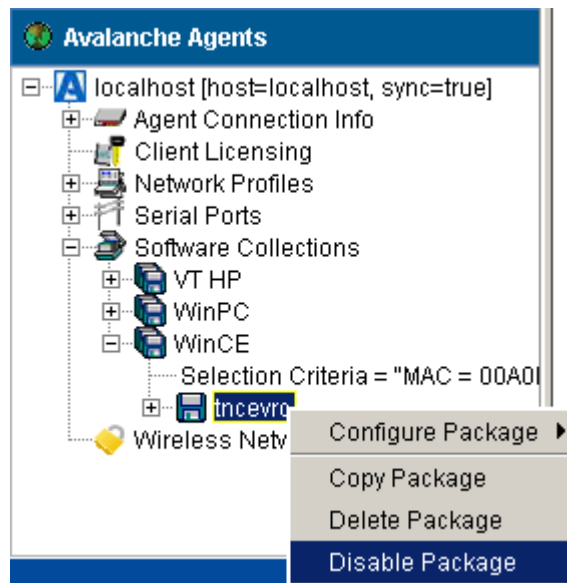


Figure B-24. *Disabling a Software Package in Avalanche Manager*

- 4 In the List View of the Management Console, locate and right-click the client.

A menu list appears.

- 5 Select `Client Settings....`

The *Avalanche Client Controls* dialog box appears.

- 6 In the *Avalanche Client Controls* dialog box, enable the **Delete Orphan Packages** checkbox, as shown in Figure B-25.

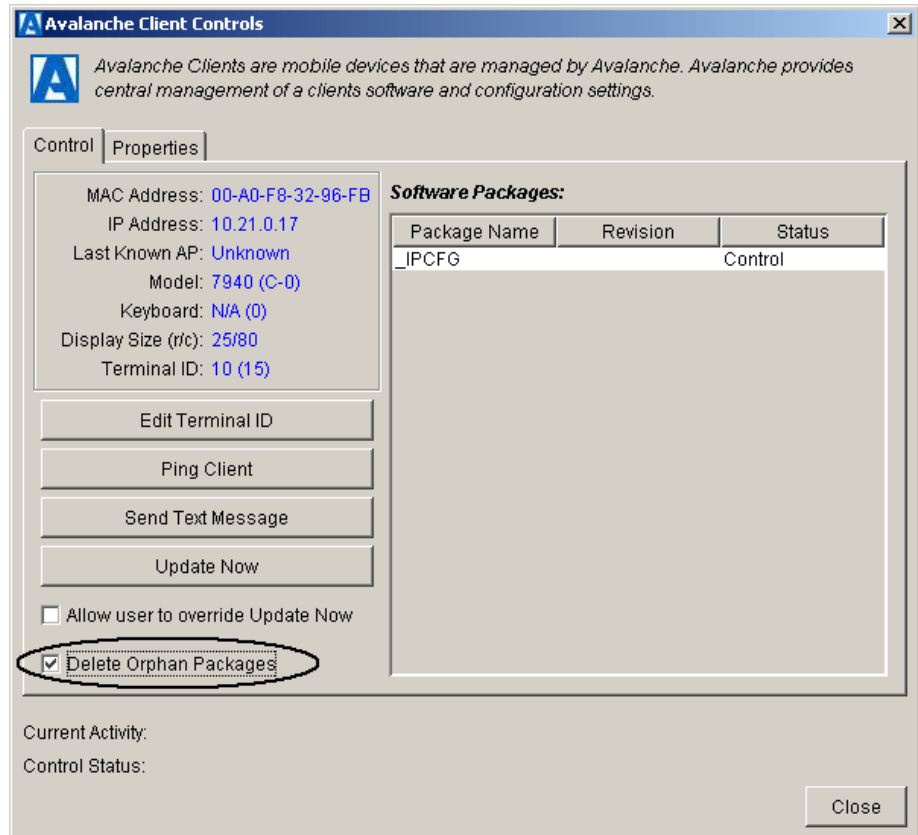


Figure B-25. Selecting to Delete Orphan Packages on the Client

- 7 Click **Close**.
- 8 Update the client using one of the following methods:
 - Wait for the client to perform a standard update.
 - Force an update from the client
 - Force an update from the Management Console.

When the client is updated, the software package is removed from the client.

Deleting Orphan Packages from All Clients

You can configure Avalanche Manager to remove orphan packages from all clients.

Deleting orphan packages from all clients involves the following basic tasks:

- 1** Orphan the software package in the Management Console.
- 2** Access the *Client Update Controls* dialog box and configure Avalanche Manager to delete orphan packages from all clients.
- 3** Update the clients.

To remove a software package from all clients:

- 1** Launch the Management Console and connect to the Agent.

NOTE If Avalanche Manager does not have a record of the software package on the client(s), skip steps 2 and 3.

- 2** In the Tree View of the Management Console, right-click the software package.

A menu list appears.

- 3** Select `Disable Package` or `Delete Package`, as shown in Figure B-26.

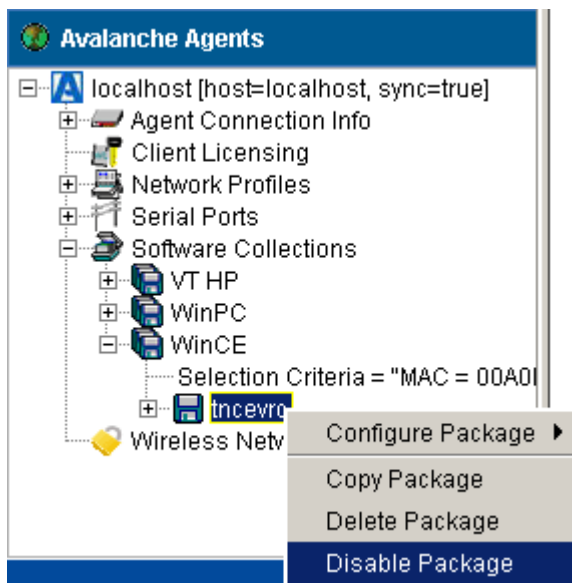


Figure B-26. *Disabling a Software Package in Avalanche Manager*

- 4 From the **Tools** menu, select Client Update Controls.

The *Client Update Controls* dialog box appears, as shown in Figure B-27.

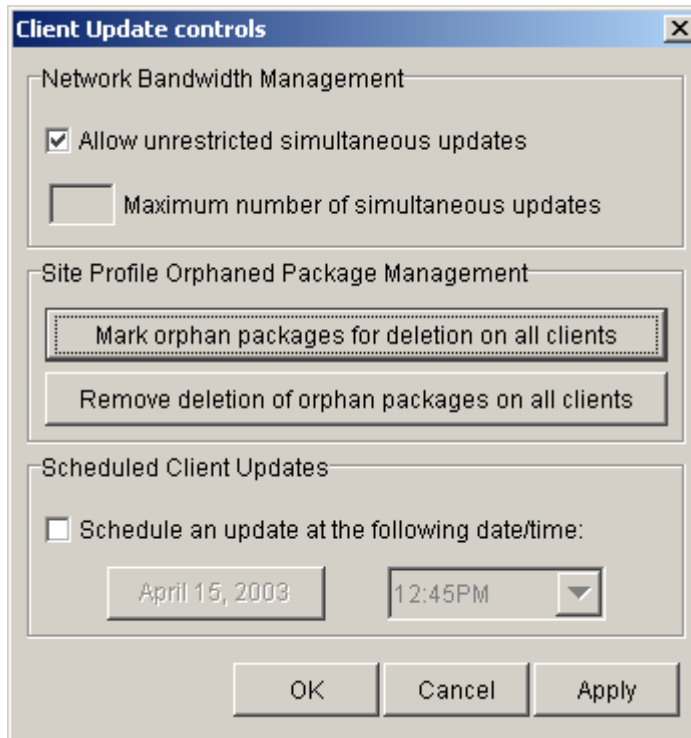


Figure B-27. *Client Update Controls Dialog Box*

- 5 Click **Mark orphan packages for deletion on all clients**.

The *Orphan Packages* dialog box appears and informs you that all clients have been marked for the deletion of orphan packages.

- 6 Click **OK** to close the *Orphan Packages* dialog box.
- 7 In the *Client Update Controls* dialog box, click **Apply**.
- 8 Click **OK** to close the *Client Update Controls* dialog box.

Appendix C: Troubleshooting

This section contains the following information:

- Troubleshooting tips to resolve installation, client configuration, and host communication problems
- Frequently asked questions (FAQs)

Troubleshooting Tips

This section contains tips to resolve common problems users experience with the Avalanche Enabler, including:

- Installation problems
- Client configuration problems

Resolving Installation Problems

Table C-1 contains common installation problems that users experience when using the Enabler and steps to consider in resolving them.

Problem	Tips
Avalanche Manager cannot connect to mobile device through serial port connection.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- You are using the wrong type of serial cable.- The cable you are using is defective.- Another application has control of the COM port.
Mobile device is connected to the host system, but Avalanche Manager does not download software package or network profile to the mobile device.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- You have not enabled the software package.- The software package has already been downloaded to the mobile device.- The mobile device is excluded by the selection criterion for the software collection.- You do not have a valid Avalanche license for the mobile device.
The mobile device does not receive the software package that Avalanche Manager is downloading.	The flash drive on the mobile device is full.

Table C-1: *Installation Troubleshooting Tips*

Resolving Client Configuration Problems

Table C-2 provides a list of common client configuration problems and steps and tips to consider in resolving them.

Problem	Tips
You cannot ping the mobile device or the mobile device is not communicating on the network.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The firmware and RF driver you have loaded on the mobile device do not match. - You have improperly configured the TCP/IP stack on the mobile device. - You have not configured the IP addressing method (DHCP, BootP, or the Avalanche Pool) correctly. - You have not configured the correct ESS ID for the RF network on the mobile device.
You can ping the mobile device, but the mobile device is not communicating with Avalanche Manager.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - You have not configured the mobile device with the IP address of the Avalanche Manager. - Another node on the network is using the IP address.

Table C-2: *Client Configuration Troubleshooting Tips*

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

This section contains commonly asked questions and issues related to the Avalanche Enabler.

Table C-3 lists the question and the answers to those questions.

FAQ	Answer
Why can't Microsoft ActiveSync detect any COM ports?	Another application has control of the COM ports on the host system. For example, if you have been using Avalanche Manager to perform serial updates, then Avalanche Manager probably has control of the COM ports. To free up the COM ports, stop the Wavelink Avalanche Manager service the host system.
Why can't Avalanche Manager detect any COM ports?	Another application has control of the COM ports on the host system. For example, if you have used Microsoft ActiveSync to perform serial updates, then Microsoft ActiveSync has control of the COM ports. To free the COM port, access the <i>Connection Settings</i> dialog box in Microsoft ActiveSync and disable the <i>Allow serial cable or infrared connections to this COM port</i> checkbox.

Table C-3: *Frequently Asked Questions*

FAQ	Answer
Why can't Microsoft ActiveSync detect the serial connection to the VRC 7900?	You must connect the serial cable to the VRC 7900 at a specific point during the Microsoft ActiveSync detection process. Do not connect the serial cable to the VRC 7900 until after you click Next in the <i>Get Connected</i> dialog box and Microsoft ActiveSync begins to scan for available COM ports.
Why am I prompted for a password when I try to configure the Avalanche Settings?	Unless you have disabled the password settings in the configuration of the Avalanche Enabler, the default password to access the Avalanche Settings is used. The default password is "system".

Table C-3: *Frequently Asked Questions*

Glossary

802.11/a/b	The IEEE standards for wireless Ethernet. 802.11 provides for wireless networking speeds up to 2 Mbps at 2.4 GHz. 802.11b provides wireless networking speeds up to 11 Mbps at 2.4 GHz. 802.11a provides wireless networking speeds up to 54 Mbps at 5 GHz.
access point	A device that acts as a bridge between wireless LANs and wired LANs.
ad hoc mode	A mode of operation in wireless networks wherein wireless devices communicate directly with each other without the use of an access point. Also sometimes referred to as peer-to-peer mode or an independent basic service set (IBSS).
Agent	In the context of Avalanche Manager, an Avalanche Agent. See <i>Avalanche Agent</i> .
AP	Access Point. See <i>Access Point</i> .
automatic WEP rotation	A dynamic implementation of WEP keys, wherein the key used on the wireless network changes periodically. Clients must synchronize their WEP key use with the AP.
Avalanche Agent	An Avalanche Manager Agent. A software component that provides the core functionality of Avalanche Manager. The Agent facilitates communication with Avalanche clients.
Avalanche Client	A mobile device with an installed Avalanche Enabler, which allows the client to communicate with an Avalanche Agent and to be configured and managed through Avalanche Manager.
Avalanche Enabler	A software component that is installed on mobile devices which allows you to configure and manage the device through Avalanche Manager. The Enabler facilitates communication between the mobile device and an Agent.

Avalanche Management Console	The GUI that allows you to interact with and configure Avalanche Agents.
Avalanche Manager	Wavelink Corporation's management application that allows you to configure and manage mobile devices throughout your network infrastructure.
Avalanche Monitor	A component of the Avalanche Enabler that communicates with the Avalanche Agent and, at certain times, checks for available updates.
Avalanche Update Utility	A component fo the Avalanche Enabler that provides most of the functionality. You can use the Avalanche Update Utility to configure the network parameters of the mobile device, view the progress of a download, and/or install updates that have been downloaded to the client.
Avalanche Software Package	A specially bundled piece of software, for example a firmware update to a radio card or a commonly used application, that you can download to a client through Avalanche Manager.
Avalanche Update	A download (or modification) that is available to a client through Avalanche Manager. Examples of updates include software packages and network profiles. The deletion of orphaned packages from a client through Avalanche Manager is another type of update.
BOOTP	Bootstrap Protocol. A protocol that allows clients to automatically obtain IP parameters from a BOOTP server. Precursor to DHCP.
BSS	Basic Service Set. A term used to describe an access point and associated wireless devices that are connected to a wired LAN.
client	In the context of Avalanche Manager, an Avalanche client. See <i>Avalanche Client</i> ..
DHCP	Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol. An IP service that allows DHCP clients to automatically obtain IP parameters from a DHCP server.

DNS	Domain Name System. A service that provides host name-to-IP address mapping.
Enabler	In the context of Avalanche Manager, an Avalanche Enabler. See <i>Avalanche Enabler</i> .
ESS ID	Extended Service Set ID. The identifier of an extended service set for devices that are participating in an infrastructure mode wireless LAN.
FTP	File Transfer Protocol. A TCP-based service that provides connection-oriented file transfers.
FTP Server	A host system that provides FTP services. Users are required to log into the FTP service to gain access to files that can be downloaded from the server.
gateway	A device on a local network through which data to other networks is routed. Also called a router.
GUI	Graphical User Interface
host	A server or workstation (system) that hosts a specific software or network service.
IBSS	Independent Basic Service Set. See <i>ad hoc mode</i> .
ICMP	Internet Control Messaging Protocol. Part of the TCP/IP protocol suite that provides services for testing IP network connections.
infrastructure mode	A wireless network configuration wherein devices communicate with each other through an access point.
IP address	Internet Protocol address. A virtual address that uniquely identifies a network connection.
LAN	Local Area Network
lease	A DHCP lease. The parameters surrounding the IP address a client has obtained from a DHCP server.

MAC address	Media Access Controller address. The hard-coded layer-2 address of a network connection which consists of a 12-digit hexadecimal number. The first 6 hexadecimal characters identify the manufacturer. The last 6 hexadecimal numbers are unique for each network device produced by the manufacturer. The MAC address is also sometimes called the hardware address.
management console	In the context of Avalanche Manager, the Avalanche Management Console. See <i>Avalanche Management Console</i> .
MB	Megabytes
Mbps	Megabits / Second
mobile device	A wireless device or a PC with a wireless network connection.
net mask	See <i>subnet mask</i> .
network profile	A set of pre-configured network parameters (ESS ID, IP address, and so forth) that can be downloaded to a client through Avalanche Manager.
orphaned package	A software package that has been deployed to a client through Avalanche Manager, but has been disabled or is not recognized by the Agent. You must orphan a software package before you can delete it from the client.
ping	An IP service that is used to test IP connectivity. Part of the ICMP service.
RAM	Random Access Memory. Volatile memory in a computer system.
RF	Radio Frequency. Usually used in the context of a type of network connection.
router	See <i>gateway</i> .

selection criteria	A feature of Avalanche Manager that allows you to configure a set of filters that target specific mobile devices on the network. You can filter by MAC address, IP address, device type, operating system, and so forth. Selection criteria are used to target specific mobile devices on the network for Avalanche Updates.
silent install	A feature of the Avalanche Enabler that allows for the installation of software packages on clients without the consent of the user at the client.
silent mode	A feature of the Avalanche Enabler that allows the Avalanche Monitor to run in the background on the client in a manner that is transparent to the user at the client.
software package	In the context of Avalanche Manager, an Avalanche software package. See <i>Avalanche Software Package</i> .
SSID	Service Set Identifier. A unique name, up to 32 characters long, that is used to identify a wireless LAN. The SSID is attached to wireless packets and acts as a password to connect to a specific BSS or ESS.
static WEP	Static (or manual) implementation of WEP keys. When the administrator of the network changes the WEP key for an AP, users must manually change their WEP keys on their mobile device to match the
subnet	A logical network wherein each client is participating on the same IP network.
subnet mask	A type of filter that allows IP clients to determine which part of their IP address defines the network and which part defines the host.

Symbol AirBEAM	An application developed by Symbol that, among other services, provides for the download of software to mobile devices. Symbol AirBEAM uses FTP or TFTP to download software packages to mobile devices, and thus requires an active FTP server on the network. Downloading software packages to mobile devices through Symbol AirBEAM also requires the AirBEAM Package Builder utility.
TCP/IP	Transmission Control Protocol/Internet Protocol. A suite of networking protocols that provides virtual addressing, connection-oriented and connectionless communication, and a number of other network services and utilities.
Telnet	A TCP/IP utility used for terminal emulation, which allows a client to connect and interact with a remote host system.
TFTP	Trivial File Transfer Protocol. A UDP-based service that provides connectionless file transfers.
TelnetCE Client	A Wavelink Corporation application that provides client-side terminal emulation services for Microsoft Windows CE-based mobile devices.
update	In the context of Avalanche Manager, an Avalanche update. See <i>Avalanche Update</i> .
VRC 7900/8900	A Symbol vehicle-mounted mobile device that runs on the Microsoft Windows CE operating system.
WEP	Wired Equivalent Privacy. An encryption standard for wireless networks that provides the equivalent security of a wired connection for wireless transmissions.
Windows CE	A Microsoft Windows-based operating system for mobile devices.

Windows Enabler	An Avalanche Enabler that is designed for Microsoft Windows 9x/ME/NT/2000/XP systems with installed 802.11b wireless cards.
WINS	Windows Internet Naming Service. A service that provides Windows Name-to-IP address mapping.

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